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## Israel has data to produce U.S. jets

By Susan I. Gray  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 20 — The U.S. State Department has issued a technical data export license which will allow Israel access to the engineering designs for one of America's most sophisticated fighter aircraft engines.

The engine is the General Electric Model 404 which Israel wants to use in developing its own aircraft, called "the Lion." The General Electric engine is now used in America's advanced fighter aircraft, the F-15.

The F-15 built by McDonnell Douglas is a twin-engine fighter plane with all-weather capability. The first F-15s, designed to replace the F-4 Phantoms in the U.S. stock, are now being tested by the U.S. Navy.

The export license, which was issued earlier this month by Secretary of State Cyrus S. Vance, followed a round of talks here between an Israeli military delegation and U.S. defense officials.

A State Department spokesman told Arab News that the license is only for the export of "technical data." Israel has not applied for a production license which would allow the Jewish state to produce the U.S.-designed engine in Israel, the spokesman continued.

Israel's desire to produce its own advanced fighter aircraft could potentially put Israel and the United States in direct competition for aircraft sales to Third World countries.

Israeli labor costs are approximately one-third that of the United States and this fact alone would make the Israeli-produced planes cheaper on the world market.

The potential competition for future sales has caused rumblings in the U.S. electronics and aircraft industry, and Pentagon sources emphasize that before Israel is granted a production license for the General Electric engine "an agreement of conditions for any future sales of Israeli-produced planes must first be ironed out."

Israel also will have to win a waiver to the 1977 presidential directive which put constraints on other nations producing U.S. defense equipment.

President Jimmy Carter's 1977 directive exempts NATO countries and other close allies — Japan, Australia and New Zealand — from the restrictions.

Israel is not listed in that category, but after the directive was issued Carter wrote Congress that "particular consideration must be given to our military arms and coproduction arrangements with Israel."

## New Afghan banner mixes Soviet star, Muslim signs

MOSCOW, April 20 (Agencies) — Afghanistan's new leaders have compromised between Islam and Marxism in the design of the state emblem by uniting Muslim symbols with a red star.

The design of the new emblem was included in the "basic principles" — in effect a temporary constitution — recently approved by the ruling People's Democratic Party, Tass news agency reported Sunday.

According to Tass, the state emblem would show two features of Muslim mosques — the pulpit and the "Mihrab" niche that guides worshippers in the direction of Mecca — on a green background. There would also be a red five-pointed star, Tass said.

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**MEETS KING** : King Khalid meets Danish Energy Minister Poul Nielsen in Riyadh Sunday. Nielsen arrived in the Kingdom Friday and is holding talks with officials on energy.

### 'Response positive'

## Danes ask oil access

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 20 — Saudi Arabia has expressed interest in allowing Denmark direct access to oil, Danish Energy Minister Poul Nielsen said Sunday.

Nielsen held talks Saturday with Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, on direct access and expressed hopes that the state-owned Petroleum and Minerals Organization — Petromin — will provide his country with at least part of its requirements this way. He had similar talks with the oil ministers of Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

He found the "prospects positive," he said. Denmark produces a small amount of oil and depends on the major oil companies for much of its imported crude. This is the first time the Danish government has negotiated to import oil directly.

Through the Danish State Oil Company the country consumes just over 16 million tons a year. It hopes to reduce consumption to 11.5 million tons in five years' time in line with its policy to control consumption, Nielsen said.

He said the oil consuming nations must try to control consumption and that his country is in the forefront of those doing so at present.

His talks with Sheikh Yamani covered relations between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — OPEC — and the IEA "which represents the industrialized states."

"We discussed the general international energy situation and what should be done," he said. "We believe that all possible avenues of developing bilateral and multinational relations which aim at stability should be utilized."

He said it was the responsibility of the consumer states to regulate consumption and avoid "unnecessary stockpiling."

Denmark, he said, has a clearly-defined energy policy and a balance of payment problem since it is heavily dependent on imports. It is already one of the largest importers of coal in the world and 80 per cent of its electricity is derived from fossil fuel.

Other alternative energy sources are being tapped but with little success so far, he said. Wind power was tried but the results were not encouraging.

Nielsen invited Sheikh Yamani to visit Denmark but no date was fixed. King Khalid received him in audience Sunday. Nielsen is due to return home Monday.

### One day after independence

## Zimbabwe announces tax reforms

SALISBURY, April 20 (Agencies) — A day after the birth of independent Zimbabwe, the government has announced its first socialist plans to make life cheaper for the poor and costlier for the rich.

Soon after all but one of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's 22-member cabinet was sworn in by President Canaan Banana, the government announced tax reforms.

Sales tax, a burden on many of the country's seven million blacks, was cut from 15 to 10 per cent on many items. Luxuries such as spirits consumed mainly by the white minority went up by around 35 per cent, Finance Minister Enock Nkomo said.

A wartime income tax surcharge, due to be reduced from 10 to five per cent, was retained at 10 per cent.

Tobacco and beer prices rose by around 10 per cent to help offset revenue lost from the cut in sales tax, the minister announced in a statement.

Sales tax would be abolished altogether on some basic commodities including margarine, cooking oil, sugar and tea — staples of the African diet.

The announcement was made as whites complained of a shift in government information policy since Robert Mugabe took power as first prime minister of the new nation.

White television viewers telephoned the state-run Zimbabwe television Service over the weekend complaining that programs had assumed an anti-white bias, television sources said. At least three people have been killed in apparent factional violence since the independence celebrations.

Crowds of Mugabe's supporters have stoned the homes of his opponents and, on independence night, two of his followers were killed in a grenade attack. A man was beaten to death Saturday when more than 150 of Mugabe's followers attacked a party in a suburban Salisbury home, police said.

Seven members of Mugabe's ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front) were arrested after they and about 200 others attacked a small gold mine near Gatooma, south of Salisbury, police said.

The attackers objected to an independence party being thrown for the mine's 16 black workers by its white owner, a police spokesman said.

Meanwhile, officials of the new government said Salisbury is to be renamed Harare — after a long-dead African chief — as part of the break with Zimbabwe's 90-year British colonial legacy.

### Zia visits Medina

JEDDAH, April 20 (SPA) — President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan returned here from Medina Sunday evening after praying at the Prophet Mosque.

President Zia, who arrived here Saturday to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage), conferred in the morning with Habib Chatil, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, before leaving for Medina.

He discussed with the OIC official preparations for the 11th Islamic foreign ministers conference due to be held in Islamabad, May 14-21. The conference had originally been scheduled for this month but was postponed because many of the foreign ministers wished to attend celebrations marking the independence of Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, an OIC spokesman said Sunday that the Jerusalem Committee headed by King Hassan II of Morocco will hold a session before the Islamabad meeting.

He added that the committee will devise a plan to counter the current wave of anti-Islamic propaganda in the West and submit it to the conference. He accused world Zionism of being behind the vilification campaign.

## Film outcry Talks concluded on SR3.6b plant

By John Rossant

RIYADH, April 20 — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Exxon Chemical Sunday successfully concluded talks on the construction of SR3.6 billion petrochemical project in Jubail.

The approval of the agreement, which will be formally signed next Saturday in Jubail, comes on the heels of Saturday's signing in Yanbu of a final agreement between SABIC and Mobil for a SR7 billion petrochemical complex.

The Jubail project is a 50-50 joint venture between Exxon Chemical, Arabia, a wholly owned firm by the Exxon Corporation, and SABIC. It is expected that Exxon will off-take considerably more than its 50 per cent entitlement of the plant's product for marketing.

The SABIC-Exxon plant will thus become the second of the five world-scale petrochemical plants planned for the industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu. These plants, utilizing components of the Eastern Province's currently flared petroleum gases, will become the backbone of Saudi Arabia's drive toward industrialization.

The Jubail plant, planned to come on-stream in the second half of 1984, will produce 260,000 tons a year of low density, polyethylene, an important constituent of plastic. The feedstock will be ethylene, a colorless petrochemical building block derived from cracking ethane, a component of natural gas.

Because of its reliance on ethylene, the SABIC-Exxon plant will be the sole petrochemical project not to use ethane or methane.

The joint venture partners are "evaluating whether to obtain the required ethylene from an adjacent petrochemical complex or to produce ethylene within the SABIC-Exxon complex," an official statement said.

The joint venture had until recently planned to consume some of the ethylene output from a SABIC-Shell Oil petrochemical complex planned for the same industrial zone in Jubail. SABIC-Exxon were to have paid some of the costs of SABIC-Shell's \$900 million ethane cracker in return for a proportion of ethylene.

But Shell, which had been widely expected to become the first of the multinational corporations to sign a major, final agreement with SABIC, is understood to be waiting for a firm announcement by Saudi Arabia on the quantity of crude oil it will be allowed to buy as a "bonus" for its participation in the project. Shell's reluctance to sign has apparently forced Exxon and SABIC to consider constructing their own ethane cracker.

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## Iran oil cutoff today unless Japan pays price

TEHRAN, April 20 (R) — Iran will suspend oil shipments to Japan beginning today unless Japanese companies agree to a new price of \$35 per barrel and actively seek new contracts in Eastern Europe to buy the resulting surplus.

Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moftakar, commenting on reports that the Japanese oil companies were refusing to revise letters of credit to take account of the new price, said: "If any one (Japanese) company decides not to pay, we stop supplying to that company, not to Japan as a whole."

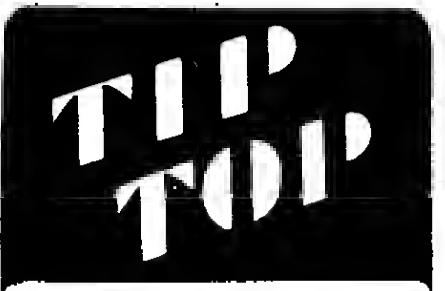
He told a press conference the possible suspension had nothing to do with the prospect that Japan might impose economic sanctions against Iran in support of the United States stand on the Tehran hostage crisis.

"We realize that the Japanese are trying to mix the two things together. They've refused to pay \$35. We believe this is the result of political pressure on these companies," Moftakar said.

After months of public and private agonizing over how to support the United States in the Iran hostage crisis, Japan suddenly finds itself being praised by its U.S. ally for having taken a bold leadership role.

In a decision that would immediately imperil about 11 per cent of its oil supply, Japan's six major oil trading firms were reported on Sunday to have rejected a demand by the National Iranian Oil Company for the \$2.50-per-barrel increase in the price of Iranian light crude.

There was no official confirmation, and government spokesmen were unavailable, as usual on a weekend. But the decision was widely reported by newspapers, quoting government sources, some reporting further that the United States had pledged to provide oil to replace that which would be lost.



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## Dammam ends projects

DAMMAM, April 20 (SPA) — The Dammam Municipality finished work on projects costing SR22 million, officials said Sunday.

Dammam Mayor Zayed Fahd Al-Sukaibi said the projects include temporary asphalt-paving of streets, parking areas in Badiyya, Planning Eight, Jalawiyah and Workers City. Other projects under construction cost SR9.4 million, he added.

New streets were opened at the light industries estate in Dammam and were provided with water and a public garden of 10,000 square meters. The garden has water fountains, children's playground and other facilities.

The projects under construction include a SR4 million project for landfilling and cleaning old wells in Dammam. The project is to be

complete in 24 months. Basic services projects in various parts of the city will cost SR4.5 million.

Including in the projects is a SR900,000 new building for the Municipality of Dammam. The new building will be located in King Abdul Aziz Street and comprises a meetings hall, a hall for exhibitions and another for lectures.

More projects of SR21.8 million for asphalt-paving, paving and illuminating some streets and installation of public services will be carried out, Al-Sukaibi said.

The total cost of projects to be included in the municipality's forthcoming budget will amount to SR230.5 million. The figure comprises compensations for expropriation. The projects will be issued as tenders shortly, Al-Sukaibi said.

## Cultural exchange considered

## Ministers discuss education

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates agreed Sunday to increase educational cooperation.

Officials issued a statement after concluding the six-day visit of the UAE minister of education and youth and university rector, Said Salman.

The statement called for developing and promoting relations between the two countries in higher education by exchanging experts in scientific research, examinations, regulations and administrative affairs.

exchange of researches, studies, books, educational and cultural articles and exchange of visits at various levels.

Salman left here Sunday for his country after talks with Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and rector of universities. Their talks dealt with promoting cooperation between their countries in education and signed an appendix to the cultural cooperation agreement between the two countries signed in 1975. The agreement comprises cultural cooperation in higher education and scientific researches.



PALESTINE WEEK: Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen Saturday opening the week of Palestine. PLO rep representative here, Rafiq Naisha, left, attended the opening ceremony.

## Afghan donations total SR 43m

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — The latest contributions for the Afghan Freedom Fighters Fund amount to about SR43 million, local sources reported.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, who is also the chairman of the Higher Committee for Donations to Afghan Freedom Fighters received contributions from indi-

viduals, firms and various institutions ranging from SR10 to thousands of dollars.

The Saudi public has made the donations for Afghan Mujahideens since Russia invaded their country. The latest offerings bring the total amount to SR2,471,606.25.

## BRIEFS

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved establishment of a chicken farm in the Tabuk region. The farm will be built with the enclosed system and will cost more than SR7 million. The farm will operate with a capacity of 14 million eggs a year. It will have three production yards and a breeding yard that contains 7,500 chickens.

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosaini Sunday dedicated a factory for paper and plastic products at the industrial site in Riyadh. The opening was attended by officials of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity and businessmen. Al-Sheikh Paper and Plastic Products Factory cost SR20 million, and the factory produces 25 varieties of plastic and home equipment.

MECCA, April 20 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasea' gave away prizes to winners in the second annual competition of the Holy Koran recitation at the concluding function Saturday. Marwan Nuruddin of Syria bagged the first prize of SR30,000 for memorization and recitation (Tilawah) of the Holy Koran, while the second prize of SR25,000 was won by Yahya Ahmed Khalili of North Yemen.

JEDDAH, April 20 — Chairman of Saudi Ports Authority Dr. Fayed Badr is to meet

Monday with professors and students of King Abdul Aziz University. The meeting takes place at the invitation of Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasif as part of the university's cultural activities of the season.

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — A reclassification of hotels with amended rates will be issued by the hotels department of the Ministry of Commerce within the next few weeks, it was announced Sunday.

## Endowments at issue

## Omani minister arrives

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Sheikh Al-Walid ibn Zahir Al-Nasae, Omani's minister of endowments and Islamic affairs, arrived here Sunday for talks with officials of the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments on cooperation in Islamic affairs.

Hanae, who was received at the airport by the minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasea', will discuss preliminary arrangements for Omani pilgrims at the end of the year.

Ministers of pilgrimage and religious affairs of Islamic countries and non-Islamic countries with a large Muslim community visit Saudi Arabia all year round to prepare for the pilgrimage season when millions of Muslims come to perform their most sacred religious duty.

Endowment ministers held a conference in Mecca, March 18-21, which adopted a set of recommendations and resolutions on pilgrimage and other religious issues.

Earlier in March, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab conferred in Mecca with Pakistani Minister of Education and Culture Muhammad Ali Khan.

It was later announced in Islamabad that about 45,000 Pakistanis will go to Mecca to perform the annual pilgrimage in October — 5,000 fewer than last year.

Religious Affairs Minister Mahmoud Haroun told a news conference that all Pakistani pilgrims would wear identical dress — the traditional shalwar (baggy trousers), kameez (long shirt) and light blue coat to establish their identity.

## Working papers presented

## Gas turbine seminar resumes

AL-KHOBAR, April 20 (SPA) — A five-day seminar on the operation and maintenance of gas turbines which opened here Saturday resumed Sunday to discuss working papers submitted by Tunisia, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Riyadh Electricity.

The seminar, organized by the Eastern province electricity board, is being attended by 13 Arab countries as well as the Industrial Development Center for Arab States (IDCAS) and the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultancy, (GOIC).

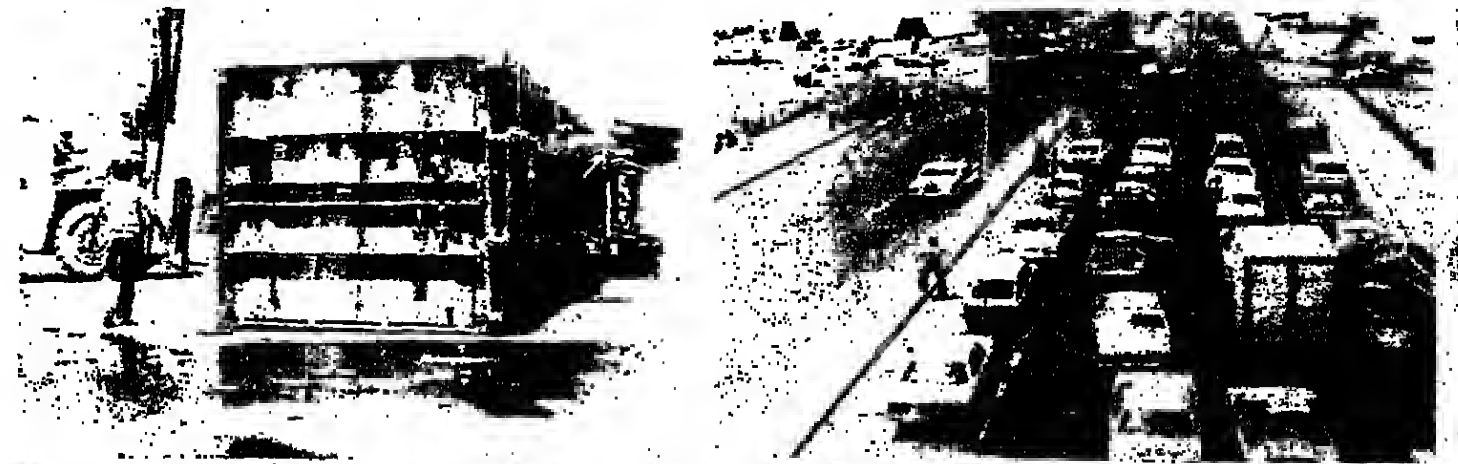
The delegate of Saudi Arabia Essam Al-Bayat was elected Saturday as chairman of the session. In the meantime, Abdul Samad Gassam Muhammad of Iraq was elected as vice chairman and Ghanem Muhammad Gassam from the GOIC as rapporteur. A drafting committee was also set up and is made up of Kuwait, Syria, Bahrain and Jordan.

Opening the seminar Saturday, Mahmoud Tayiba, governor of the Saudi United Electricity Board of the Eastern Province, indicated that more than 91 per cent of Saudi Arabia's electric power was generated through gas turbines. He also said that the percentage will increase soon.

Tayiba also said that Saudi Arabia has relied basically on gas turbines for the largest portion of its electrical power — 8,600 megawatts generated from gas turbines out of a total 9,700 megawatts.

He added that 1,300 megawatts will be added to the Kingdom's generating power when several more gas turbines are installed later this year. Already, gas turbines of varying types and sizes are generating power from stations in the Eastern, Western and Central provinces.

The board itself, Tayiba said, generated 2,680 megawatts, of which 1,880 megawatts were produced by gas turbines.



ACCIDENT: A truck carrying two container boxes overturned at the Palestine Road and Prince Fahd St. intersection west of the flyover. The situation was under control of local policemen as they rerouted traffic and focussed their attention on removing the cargo containers from the middle of the intersection. Lt. Muhyez Al-Otaibi said the truck flipped over while attempting a turn in the intersection. The driver sustained no injuries and police soon had the traffic moving smoothly.

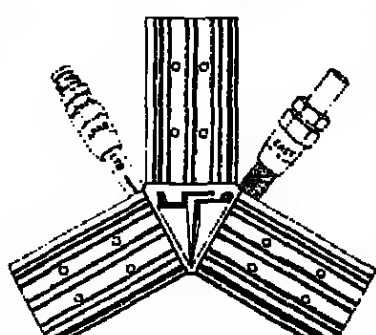
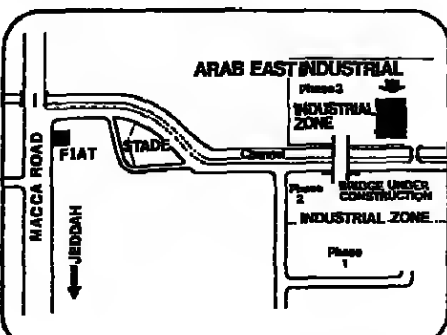


ENERGY: Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, talks with Danish Energy Minister Poul Nissen. The officials discussed cooperation between the two countries in energy issues. Yamani also gave a dinner in honor of the Danish minister at the Ferrusiyah Club. The reception was attended by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and other officials.

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## First resident China envoy

## Zuhair named ambassador

JEDDAH, April 20 (CNA) — The Saudi Arabian Government appointed its former Air Force commander to be the Kingdom's first resident ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China.

Salim Sunbol, chief of protocol of the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry, confirmed Wednesday to Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi the appointment of Lt. Gen. Assad Abdul Aziz Zuhair to the post. It has been occupied by an ambassador, who concurrently heads the Kingdom's mission in Tokyo and keeps his residence there, since the Kingdom's first envoy to Taipei was appointed in 1958.

Gen. Zuhair, who retired from the service in December is a graduate of a flying college in England. He had been commander of a composite air squadron, director of aviation and the Kingdom's military attaché in the United States and Pakistan. He was appointed commander of the Air Force in 1972 and continued to hold the post until his retirement.

The Kingdom's decision to send a resident ambassador to Taipei came as a result of

Chinese Premier Y.S. Sun's visit to the Kingdom last year during which Crown Prince Fahd agreed to take the measure to further boost the friendly ties between the two countries.

The formal ties between the two countries began in 1940 when the Republic of China set up a consulate in Jeddah, and the consulate was raised to an embassy in 1956.

## Spring sailboat race champions announced

JEDDAH, April 20 — The Red Sea Racing Association has announced the winners of its spring series of sailboat races, which included eight events during a two-month period. Several of the winners of the winter series races have repeated victories for the spring. Mike Derry, who with partner Alan Sangster placed first in the Hobie Cat class last winter, took first place in the Laser league-one class. Mike Kirkup and John Reddaway repeated their winter performance by finishing first in the 470 class.

In the Sunfish class, Tony Arundel finished first, beating winter champion Steven Proctor, who finished second in the spring event. The Ladies' prize for Sunfish went to Linda Proctor.

The spring champions in the Hobie 16 class are Walter Boyle and Tony Pilgrim. Catamaran champions are Keith and Elaine Cowley. Laser league two-champion is Roger Willbourne.

Other prize winners are: Catamaran class, second place John Hyatt and Susie Halsey; third place, Ian Fueggle and crew Hobbie 16 class second place, Art Mulders and Ray Noble, third place Steve Lundy and Walter Graham.

In the 470 class, John Berry and Noel Mulder placed second and Mike and Jane Moss placed third.

In Laser League-one, Lars Berquist placed second and Jim Kane placed third. In league two, Geoff Kenion took second place, and Chris Smith was awarded third place honors.

In Sunfish class, Proctor's second place was followed by Heinz Knes in third and Clive Pilgrim in fourth place.

## Kidney seminar today

RIYADH, April 20 (SPA) — Maj. Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of the army general staff, opens a two-day seminar about kidney grafting at the Armed Forces Hospital in Riyadh today.

A number of kidney surgeons from Britain and Germany will participate in the seminar with their papers on the subject. Several other kidney specialists also will attend.

## PRAYER TIMES

Monday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	4.41	4.37	4.09
Ishraq	6.01	5.52	5.33
Dhuhr	12.25	12.28	11.58
Asr	3.49	3.55	3.24
Maghreb	6.44	6.19	6.19
Isha	8.14	7.49	7.49

## WEATHER

Temperatures will rise in most areas, but the weather will remain moderate in the western and south-western highlands.

Winds will be southerly and moderate to cive. They will raise sand limiting visibility.

Clouds will gather in the western and south-western highlands, and may cause rain accompanied by thunderstorms.

Seas will be moderate. Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade):

Mecca	40	24
Jeddah	34	20
Riyadh	36	18
Dhahran	34	14
Medina	37	21
Taif	31	14
Jazan	36	26
Hail	33	18
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Qaisumah	38	17
Sulayyil	35	21
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TROPHY WINNERS: Sweden's Ronny Turesson and Erhard Aufenuss of Switzerland are the champions of the International Motocross competition held April 11 in Wadi. Turesson won the 250cc class and Aufenuss won the 125cc event. Drivers from 14 nations competed in the race, which was attended by some 2,000 spectators.

## U.S. trade mission canceled

DHAHRAN, April 20 — An American trade mission to Saudi Arabia has been canceled, officials in the American consulate announced Sunday. The five businessmen were to have visited Al Khobar, Riyadh and Jeddah from April 26 to May 6.

The trade mission was to have been jointly sponsored by the U.S. Departments of State and Commerce. However, the Commerce

Dept. cancelled the trip because several members were unable to participate.

Consular officials said that the visit may be rescheduled for Richard Dorsch, Manager of Business Systems, Development Analysis Associates, Inc., James O'Connell, Manager of Exports Markets for Herman Miller, Inc. and Naim S. Aweida, Executive vice President of Storage Technology Corp.

## Yanbu Industrial Project

## Ret-Ser wins \$52.5m contract

TAIPEI, April 20 (CNA) — The People's Republic of China Ret-Ser Engineering Agency recently won an international bid for construction of an industrial zone at the Saudi Arabian port of Yanbu, with the contract value amounting to \$ 52.5 million: it was announced here recently.

Construction of the Yanbu industrial zone, on the west coast of the Kingdom, will immediately start for 519 work days. Facing the Red Sea, Yanbu is north of Jeddah.

The Yanbu bid is the 14th RSEA has been awarded in Saudi Arabia in recent years. Of

the 14 construction contracts, three have been completed.

With the Yanbu project included, the total value of the 10 construction contracts now under way reaches \$ 667 million.

Meanwhile, RSEA said it also has won two other international bids, one each in Jordan and Singapore, with a combined contract value of \$ 18.9 million.

In Jordan, RSEA will build a north-bend urban transit system; in Singapore, a freeway interchange.

## Saudia, MEA discuss cooperation

JEDDAH, April 20 (SPA) — Saudia's Director-General Ahmad Matar Sunday met As'ad Nasr, chairman of the Board of Directors of Middle East Airlines (MEA) and an accompanying delegation.

They discussed possible ways of boosting cooperation between the two airlines.

The delegation is due to return home today at the conclusion of a visit that began Saturday. MEA sponsored the meeting.

Earlier this month, an airline official has said that the Arab Airlines Carrier Organization is discussing methods to work together in solving common problems.

Salim A. Salam, general manager of international and government affairs for Middle Eastern Airlines, said presently AACO is having talks on joint problems in overhauling aircraft air-frames and engines.

"We would share ideas and work. If Saudia Airlines need their 747s overhauled, MEA would perform the services, also MEA has some L-1011 aircraft that Saudia could service," he said.

The AACO is comprised of Saudia, MEA, Kuwait, Gulf and Jordan Airlines. Salam headed a delegation from MEA airlines to

visit management officials from Saudia.

In a separate development Sunday, Saudia has decided to number the first-class seats on all its domestic and international flights beginning June 5, it was announced Sunday.

The airline hopes to number the economy-class seats in the near future, an official spokesman said. It also sent 2,030 students abroad this year for training courses. Hassan Ahmed Tabib, director general of the airline's Department of Training and Development, said recently that the department also placed 4,585 students in 309 training courses in 1979. In addition, Saudia opened a training program for basic studies in Jeddah.

The program includes marketing study, inflight service training, management, financial training, computer training, aircraft maintenance, basic aviation programs and air engineering, Tabib said. The new program has 450 trainees.

Also a preparatory course has been set for the benefit of students going abroad for training, with a view to giving them some idea of the country in which they would train, he added.

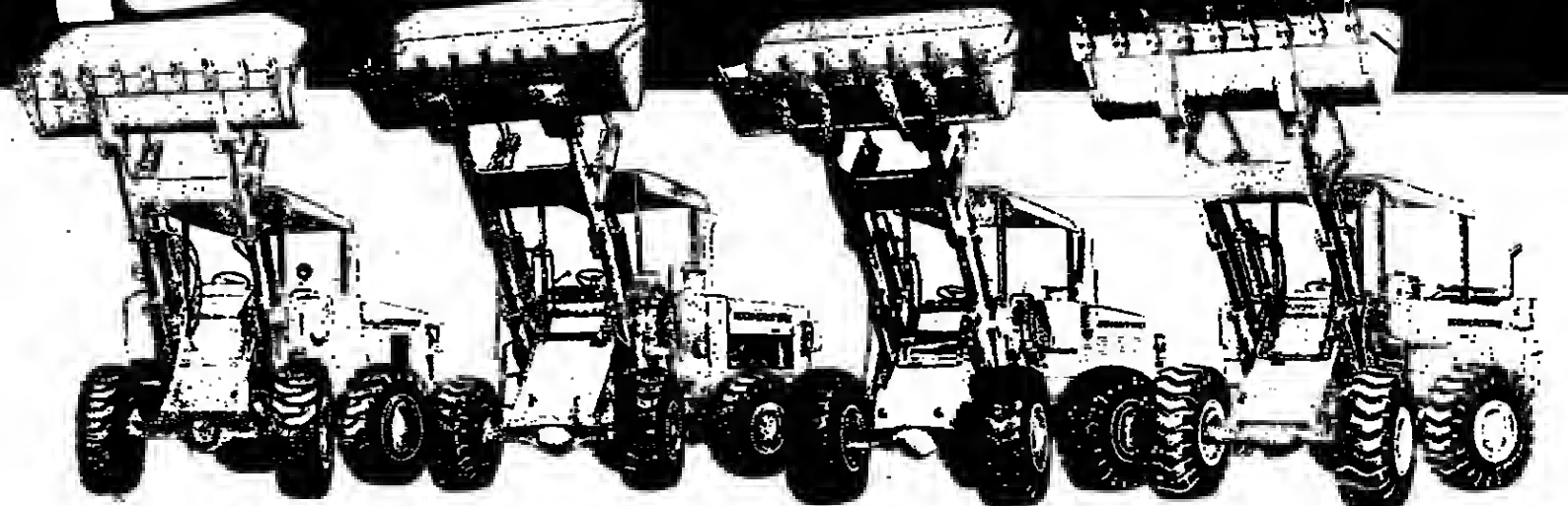
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## Warns of foreign meddling

## China calls on Iraq, Iran to heal discord

PEKING, April 20 (Agencies) — China Sunday called on Iran and Iraq to solve their differences through consultation and warned that if war broke out between them it would give big powers an excuse to interfere.

The official *People's Daily* said in a commentary the two countries had long-standing territorial disputes resulting from a long history of colonial and imperial rule.

Noting that both countries were Muslim members of the Third World, sharing the common task of "safeguarding national independence and developing the national economy," the article said strengthening unity and cooperation served both countries' fundamental interests.

"If a war breaks out between Iran and Iraq,

it will provide a pretext for outside interference and involve the region in big-power contention," the paper said.

Many countries, particularly Muslim states, were concerned and some had offered to mediate, it said.

"It is also the wish of the Chinese people that the two countries will iron out their differences and reestablish good-neighborly relations," the paper added.

The article revealed Peking's concern at the escalating tension in a region China fears could be the next target of Soviet aims.

China is convinced the Soviet Union has its eye on controlling the entire Gulf region, and has repeatedly warned of a possible Soviet intervention in Iran, notably after last December's invasion of Afghanistan.

## U.S. shows 'understanding'

## Turkey won't back sanctions on Iran

ANKARA, April 20 (AP) — The United States has shown "understanding" over Turkey's unwillingness so far to go along with sanctions against its neighbor Iran, Turkish government sources reported Sunday.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry source revealed that the Turkish government was approached by U.S. officials concerning a series of sanctions announced by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, aiming at obtaining the release of the 50 American hostages held in Tehran since Nov. 4.

Turkey was asked to join U.S. allies in curtailing trade and other relations with the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, sources said.

However, they said, the request was being considered in the light of "Turkey's special relationship" with Iran.

"The United States has displayed understanding of this special relationship and we are still studying the American circular," the

sources reported.

This follows published reports in Turkey that the two neighboring countries have worked out a new economic package deal with heavy emphasis on Turkish demand for Iranian crude oil.

Turkish newspapers reported recently that Iranian authorities were concerned over Turkey's role in the volatile region following the signing of a U.S.-Turkish military cooperation accord which reopened key American-managed listening posts in Asia Minor.

Turkey also assisted two U.S. presidential envoys who were stalled in Istanbul after Khomeini refused to see them on the issue of the American hostages.

Turkish government sources indicated Turkish foreign policymakers were "walking a tight-rope" in their effort not to antagonize Iran and at the same time improving ties with the United States in the wake of the Soviet incursion in Afghanistan.

## Kuwait paper says

## Ghotbzadeh to visit Kuwait soon

KUWAIT, April 20 (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh will visit Kuwait "shortly" in the course of a tour of Arab countries, the independent Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Qabas* reported Sunday.

It quoted Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah as saying: "We wel-

come the visit." But no specific date was mentioned.

Ghotbzadeh was to make the tour last week, but postponed the trip because of Iran's worsening conflict with neighboring Iraq and the U.S. sanctions against Iran, the paper added.

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## Afghanistan rebels accuse Soviets of using poison gas

By Peter Neswand

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, April 20 (WP) — There is so far no evidence to prove that the Soviet army has been using poison gas in Afghanistan, in contravention of the Geneva Protocol.

Although, Afghan rebel groups based here continue to make such claims, they are not borne out by eyewitness accounts, by the evidence of injuries, nor by the reports of senior doctors in the main government hospitals here, where the worst cases are supposed to have been reported.

American officials are not able to provide proof to back up recent statements from Washington either, and officials of some other Western nations say flatly that they do not believe there is any truth in the allegations.

There is no doubt that the Soviets are using crowd-control gas of some kind, rather as the United States did in Vietnam with CS gas.

From personal accounts, the Russian tactic appears to be to fire gas canisters from low-flying helicopters into villages or rebel encampments, and then send in waves of troops when many of the people are disabled or unconscious.

In a rebel hospital here, run by the fundamentalist Islamic group, the Hezb-I-Islami, lies Muhammad Sharif, one of the gas victims. However, he is in bed because his leg has been smashed in two places and the knee joint destroyed, and not because of the gassing. Sharif is from Jalalabad, and he is in his mid-twenties. He was hit 25 days ago in a rebel camp at the village of Sukhrod, seven kilometers from his home.

"The Afghan Communists and Russian

Communists came with about twenty helicopters at one time," he said. "They used different kinds of weapons and also chemical materials which were of many colors. Some were red, some yellow, some grey. The gas had a very bad, bitter taste, like pepper. My eyes began streaming, I began sneezing and coughing and then I vomited. I was carrying my gun, and I dropped it. After a few minutes, I fell unconscious."

The attack raged around Sharif, and when he awoke two hours later — his eyes and nose still streaming — he found that he had been wounded, and that his Mujaheddin colleagues had put a — "gas mask" over his face. These masks are home-made affairs consisting of nothing more than a few pieces of gauze. A doctor in charge of the rebel hospital, who gave his name as Dr. Matloilha, added: "Sometimes they just use a handkerchief over their mouth and nose" — in fact, the sort of protection which is helpful against crowd-control gas. American experts agree that only a highly sophisticated mask would be of any use against a poison chemical weapon, or a nerve gas.

Sharif's account is similar to those given by others. Although he continued to shake, and his eyes streamed for a few hours afterward, the gas left no lasting effects. His vision has not been affected and his voice and breathing are normal.

He said that twenty persons were killed in the attack — 13 of them by poison gas.

Dr. Matloilha maintained that many of the seriously gassed rebels brought into the hospital had to be injected with B.A.L. (British Anti-Lewisite) — which is an antidote for metallic poisoning, while others were given diuretics, glucose and



REBEL PATROL: Members of an Afghan Mujaheddin patrol move through a rocky, mountainous area in Kunar province near the border with Pakistan recently, as they continue to resist the Soviet presence in their country.

plasma drips. The worst cases were sent to the government hospital for dialysis, he said.

At the 700-bed Khyber Hospital, one of the biggest in Peshawar, a senior official commented: "We have not received any cases here that would indicate the use of poison gases. And we only give dialysis in cases of kidney failure."

He said that most of the Afghans brought in were "simple burn cases, or bomb blast cases". Some of the people did have respiratory ailments, but he did not find this surprising. "All of them are living in unhygienic conditions," he explained.

"Everything is very crowded. They have one house which is insufficient for five people, but if you go and see it you will find fifty people living there. How they think they can maintain their hygiene, I do not know."

The other gas victim which the Hezb-I-Islami clinic was able to produce was a teenage boy, Amin Jan, whose right leg was amputated 18 days ago. Amin Jan had been trapped in the rubble when Russian bombs destroyed his family's two-story house, killing his brother, sister-in-law and uncle. He said that before the explosions, gas canisters were dropped from helicopters. He saw "smoking redness," and then lost consciousness. The hospital said that when he was brought in, the effects of the gassing had already disappeared.

The Americans suspect that the Red Army may have used poison gas in Badkshan province for a short period in January and February. Reports which reached them at that stage indicated that some people had died and others were suffering serious and long-term effects.

## Egypt boycotts Moscow games

CAIRO, April 20 (R) — The Egyptian Olympic Committee has informed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that it will not take part in the Moscow Games in protest against Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, the Middle East News Agency reported.

Last week sports organizations in Egypt issued a statement urging a total boycott of the games.

## Bulgaria minister in Iraq for talks

BAGHDAD, April 20 (R) — Bulgarian Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov arrived in Baghdad Saturday for a two-day visit to discuss improving bilateral relations, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Mladenov said he would deliver a message to President Saddam Hussein from Bulgarian President Odor Zhivkov.

He added that he would have talks with Iraqi officials to emphasize his country's desire to restore diplomatic relations between them and discuss international developments of mutual concern.

## Israel marks Memorial Day

TEL AVIV, April 20 (AP) — Israel observed Memorial Day Sunday for the 14,000 soldiers killed in wars with the Arab countries.

Sirens blasted at 11 a.m. as thousands of Israelis gathered in military cemeteries for memorial services. Traffic came to a halt and office workers stood by their desks during the two-minute siren blast.

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**\$175,000 Jack Kramer Open****Mayer, Teacher to meet in finals**

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif., April 20 (AP) — Top-seeded Gene Mayer and unseeded Brian Teacher advanced to the singles finals of the \$175,000 Jack Kramer Open tennis tournament Saturday by scoring hard-fought three-set victories.

Mayer overcame upset-artist Bill Scanlon, who stretched him to two tie-breakers, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, while Teacher rallied for a 3-6, 6-3.

**Nastase fined \$950**

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif., April 20 (AP) — The temperamental Rumanian tennis player Ilie Nastase Saturday was fined \$950 by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) for "repeated bad conduct" during the current Grand Prix tournament here.

Nastase was fined \$500 for causing a long delay during the match he won against Marty Riessen Wednesday and a further \$450 during a doubles match when he played alongside Adriano Panatta of Italy against Americans Brian Teacher and Butch Walts.

In the doubles match Nastase threw his racket to the ground and stormed off court in protest against a referee's decision.

6-2 triumph over second-seeded Roscoe Tanner.

Mayer and Teacher play for the championship Sunday afternoon.

Teacher relied on a steady serve and volley game to prevail against the crumpling service that won Tanner 13 aces.

Tanner's problem was that his service, which yielded only two points to Teacher in the first set, grew progressively erratic in the last two sets and worsened to the third when he double-faulted four times.

One Double-fault came on game point in the seventh game, putting Teacher ahead 5-2. "In the first set, I couldn't see his serve," Teacher said, referring to Tanner's fast ball, which has been clocked at 140 miles-per-hour. "But then I started seeing the ball a little better and I started chipping it back."

Teacher said his play "wasn't spectacular" but that he "just tried to get the ball back."

Teacher and Mayer have met only once in recent years and Mayer won 6-4, 6-2.

Scanlon, who was unseeded, won his three other matches in the tournament by going to three sets. He was using the same script Saturday before succumbing to Mayer.

**Kenya bids for non-Moscow boxing championship**

NAIROBI, April 20 (APF) — Kenya is likely to host an international boxing championship for the countries that will not take part in this summer's Moscow Olympics according to Nairobi weekly, "Sunday Nation."

Chairman of the Kenyan Amateur Boxing Association Major Marsden Madoka who is also the senior vice-chairman of the Kenyan National Sports Council (KNSC) said United States Olympic Committee officials have

agreed to give financial assistance to the country hosting the championships, the weekly reported.

Major Madoka leaves Kenya next week for Washington to discuss the budget and other necessary arrangements for the event, which is expected to cost around \$2.5 million.

Major Madoka also said there is a possibility of Kenya staging athletes on a similar scale, but this would depend on the outcome of the talks.



**WEIGH-IN:** Ugandan Ayup Kahle (left) and Emilio Vill of Colombia pose for photos after the weighing-in ceremony before their fight last Thursday in Copenhagen. The ceremony took place in the Sheraton Hotel in Copenhagen Thursday morning, and that night, Kahle, the defending world junior middleweight champion, boxed to an overwhelming win over Vill.

**NBC Olympics withdrawal no big problem, Soviets say**

MOSCOW, April 20 (APF) — Vice President of Soviet state television Henry Yochkiavishous Sunday declared the Moscow Olympics would not be affected adversely by the withdrawal of the American NBC network.

"The transmission of the Olympics is not totally dependent on the American NBC company, or any other for that matter," he said.

According to Yochkiavishous, it's "a

complete lie" that the coverage of the games is not assured, following the withdrawal of NBC. He stated that NBC had only been authorized to transmit to the United States.

The vice president also confirmed that all the equipment to be used is Soviet-manufactured.

"It was only to be put at the disposal of the American company, and is presently ready for use," he affirmed.

**Japan equestrians join boycott**

TOKYO, April 20 (APF) — The Japanese Equestrian Federation has decided not to send athletes to this summer's Moscow Olympics.

Chairman of the Federation Hajime Suzuki said it is very difficult for Japan to send a delegation to the Moscow Olympics because the government is in favor of boycotting the games.

"I think the Japanese Olympic Committee will be unable to oppose the government decision," Suzuki said.

The Equestrian Federation is the first Japanese sports organization to announce it will not be taking part at Moscow.

**Czechs to meet for WTA title**

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, April 20 (AP) — Top seed Martina Navratilova put away Romanian Virginia Ruzici in straight sets Saturday to set up an all-Czech final in the \$100,000 Women's Tennis Association tournament here.

Navratilova's 6-2, 6-2 victory put her in Sunday's final against 18-year-old Czech native Hana Mandlikova, a 7-5, 6-1, winner over South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak in the other semifinal match.

Mandlikova, the world junior champion in 1978, struggled in the first set but easily dominated the second. Navratilova, now officially a resident of Dallas, broke Ruzici's service twice in each set.

Both winners learned their game on the clay courts of Prague's Sparta Club, although they've never played each other before.

"When Martina left Czechoslovakia, I was still very young. I used to watch her all the time at the Sparta Club," Mandlikova said.

Navratilova said she doesn't think the match will necessarily make big news in the country from which she defected.

"I don't think it would be such big news in Czechoslovakia if Hana beat me," she said. "They'd go crazy if she beat Tracy Austin. Since I defeated, they don't like to write about me."

**Staub hits 9th grand slam****Rangers shut out Red Sox**

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP) — Gaylord Perry won his 280th major league game Saturday with a hefty five-hitter as the Texas Rangers whipped the Boston Red Sox 8-0.

The 41-year-old Perry, 1-1 on his return to the Rangers after two seasons with San Diego and 280-218 overall, struck out three and walked two in outchasing his 51st shutout in 19 major league seasons.

Rusty Staub, another well-traveled veteran, gave Perry more than enough runs to work with by hitting the ninth grand slam homer of his career in the seventh inning.

Mickey Rivers and Bump Wills had three

hits apiece for the Rangers, who rolled to their seventh victory in nine games.

Perry allowed only two runners to reach third base, one on an error, during his masterful performance.

In other American league afternoon action, Gorman Thomas drove in three runs with a pair of singles as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the New York Yankees 5-1 behind the combined eight-hit pitching of Moose Haas and Bob McClure.

Steve Kemp hit a pair of homers and Tom Brookens added another as the Detroit Tigers snapped a seven-game losing streak with an 8-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Brookie Joe Charbonneau homered, doubled and singled and Rick Waits fired a six-hitter as Cleveland beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 in the Indians' home opener before 61,753 fans.

Mike Norris and two relief pitchers combined on a four-hitter, leading the Oakland A's to their fourth straight victory with a 3-1 decision over the California Angels.

**Britz takes lead in Lady Citrus golf**

ORLANDO, Florida, April 20 (AP) — Jerilyn Britz, unperturbed by a two-hour rain delay and darkness, shot a 3-under-par 78 Saturday to take a narrow lead entering the final day of the \$100,000 Lady Citrus Open tournament.

The 37-year-old former schoolteacher, whose first Ladies Professional Golf Association tour win came in last year's U.S. Open carded a 7-under-par 212 total for three rounds.

That put her one shot ahead of Donna White, Sandra Palmer, Pat Myers and Carolyn Hullin while defending champion Jane Blalock, Janet Coles and Jane Riner were two strokes back at 214. After Britz finished hours by a thundershower. When play resumed, she continued a streak of 10 straight pars, birdied the 11th hole, then finished with five more pars and two additional birdies on the Rio Pinar Country Club course.

**Seales TKOs Sanders**

BILLINGS, Montana, April 20 (AP) — Sugar Ray Seales continued his drive toward a middleweight championship fight with an eighth-round technical knockout of Ted Sanders Saturday night at Billings.

The 1972 Olympic Gold medal winner for the United States dominated the final four rounds of the fight and had Sanders down in the final minute of the seventh round.

Sanders got up and continued to fight but did not answer the bell for the eighth round.

Seales also put Sanders on the canvas in the sixth round with two left hooks to the head.

The victory put Seales' record at 54-6-3. Sanders, who had won his last 14 fights, is now 16-5-2.

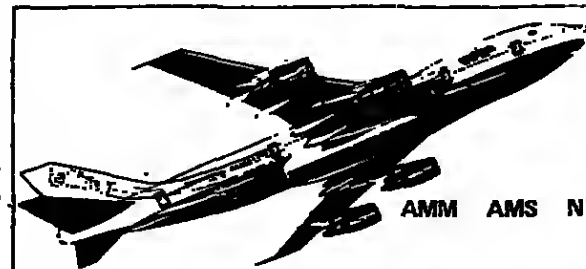
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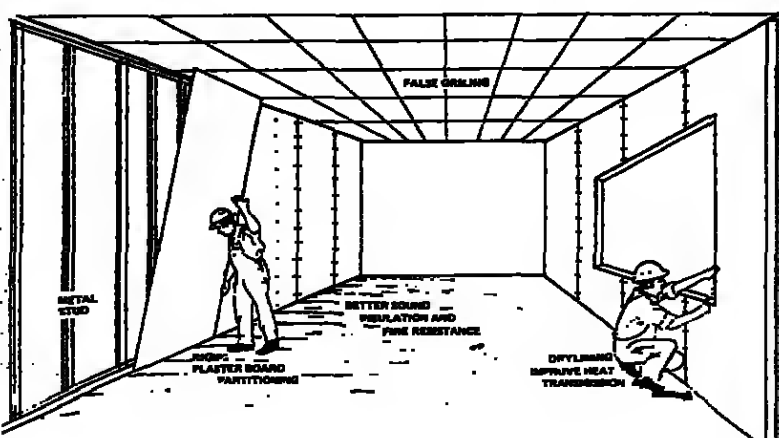
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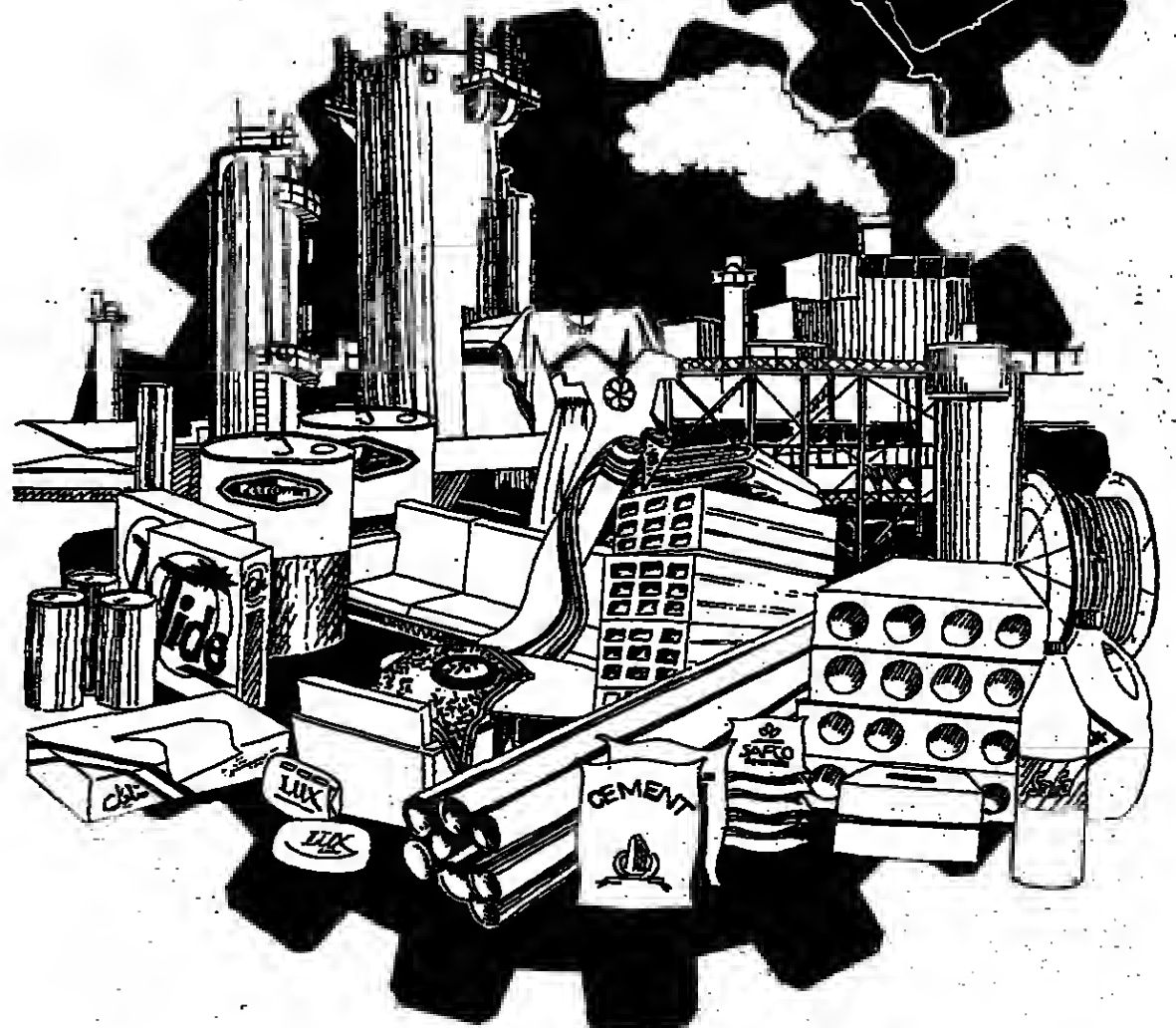
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## Author proposes goals need to be defined

# Present-day scholar asks future questions

*The Future of Muslim Civilization*  
Ziauddin Sardar, Croom Helm, London,  
1979.  
price \$4.95. 288 pp.

By F.W. Rawling

JEDDAH — Ziauddin Sardar is an Information Consultant at the Hajj Research Center, King Abdul Aziz University. He is the well established author of other books on Islam particularly in the areas of classification and development.

In his preface, Sardar suggests the completion of the fourteenth century of Islam pro-

vides Muslims with a useful time scale with which to take stock of the past and to plan for the future. He proposes that an examination of the recent past — which he defines as the last four centuries — reveals little to put to the credit of the ideal of Islam and even less reflects upon its rich and innovative civilisation.

He insists that if the future is to be essentially Islamic it must be different both from the immediate past and from the present. Any planned reconstruction of a truly Islamic society, he maintains, necessitates a precise notion of goals to be met. His object in *The Future of Muslim Civilization* is to stimulate

discussion as to exactly what those goals should be.

Sardar's surgical methodology is used to fine effect in his Introduction, where he cuts away the fatty accretions of what he takes to be the misconceptions of Occidental thinking on the subject of a new international order. He defines Occident as both Capitalist West and Communist East. He argues their joint assumption, that from one or the other must come the initiative for global harmony and development, is now seen by the uncommitted remainder of the world to be utterly bankrupt.

The alternative, Sardar argues, the civilisation that has not lost its values and traditions, is what he calls 'operational Islam.' He adopts a systems approach to describing this dynamic, thriving Islam, apologizing in advance for some of the jargon this method throws out. Some of the terminology, effective and precise though it is, might be found unconvincing by readers who expect a more 'traditional' kind of exposition.

The effect of such terminology is to give an uncompromisingly partisan work the air of objectivity. Whatever the language, however, Sardar claims 'The message is simple...The Muslim ummah cannot continue lying inactive and polluted like a stagnant lake, full only of potential resources. It must think about a plan for its future.'

Sardar next defines the parameters of Muslim civilisation, especially its frame of reference based upon Revelation. He explains, with commendable clarity, the fundamentals of Muslim belief and the essentials of Muslim values. Much of this is very helpful to the non-Muslim reader. Then he traces the areas in Islam of permanence and of change. 'Truth remains unchanged, the human condition does not.' He cites the problems of the Ummah adjusting to the almost cataclysmic upheavals of the modern age.

Sardar castigates his fellows, one feels, perhaps, too harshly. 'Have we, intellectually speaking, been able to evolve the truly Muslim personality in the changed and ever-changing conditions of today?...and restate the truths revealed in the Qur'an in terms more familiar to modern intellect and more fully comprehensible to modern man?...let alone meet the intellectual challenges — we have not even realized that these challenges exist!' This may be true of the intellectuals, but in the more traditional Islamic societies, the amount and speed of change has been in the nature of an earthquake. Sympathetic Occidentals (who may well be neither Capitalist nor Communist) are amazed at the calm courage and resignation at least, if they cannot comment upon their intellectual perceptions, of the simple Muslims who are bearing it.

Nevertheless Sardar, relentlessly identifies, in the cases of modern warfare and political institutions, for example, the enormous dilemma of squaring the realities with the perceived Islamic ideal. He calls it, rightly, 'a painful realization.' He discusses schools of thought in the history of Muslim philosophy touching on Free Will and Determinism. A controversy, which, he suggests, left the intellectual leadership of Islam too exhausted to carry the ummah forward to a solution of its practical problems.

A decline followed from the ideal Medinan society founded by the Prophet himself. It is Medina, in fact, which Sardar proposes should be restored. This is the crux of his convincing thesis that 'the journey towards the Medina State rests entirely with the common Muslim.'

An examination of the nature of this 'common Muslim's' intellectual problems is the burden of Sardar's next chapter. Freedom of Enquiry is faced by Passive Acceptance and the historical evolution of

these irreconcilables is traced. The tyranny of Modernism, which Sardar takes to include technicism and nationalism, adds further difficulties of Western origin. Sardar cleverly differentiates the causes and effects of nationalism in Europe and the Muslim world, illustrating his points with reference to Persia, India, Pakistan and Turkey.

In a brilliant perspective he identifies and comments upon the origins of the chief political problems of the contemporary Muslim world. He pulls no punches and makes no concessions to the bland, pan-Islamic variety of political history that conceals cracks with paste and paper. OPEC he describes, with enough evidence, as 'The one really original and successful movement in over two decades of development.'

Sardar argues that socialism, nationalism and capitalism, along with most of modernism, are all in conflict with the spirit of Islam and he adduces very convincing proofs.

He next examines various world systems in comparison to the Muslim system, dealing with problems of population and food, energy, natural resources, pollution, development, etc. For each problem the Muslim system poses the same questions. What ought Muslims to do? What do they want to do? What can they do as Muslims? What is it possible to do?

Sardar returns to the theme of the Medina State and suggests a Civilization Project, 'Ummran, which might achieve Medina's restoration. He defines goals and future options and leads into a chapter on planning for future generations. He suggests, *en pass-*

sant, a more productive philosophy for term planning. This would involve the consideration of a variety of sub-systems, social, political, educational, economic and technical etc.

He proposes an Islamic research approach to future needs which he calls the Warrd (petal) system. According to this, each progress factor is linked to the central cusp of the Qur'an — Shariah. 'The Warrd system requires the qualities of both the modern Muslim scholars and the traditional Muslim sheikhs.' Sardar now traces his models for the Medinan future in the totality of the Muslim experience. He argues that 'the development of a sense of history or historical mindedness is crucial to the type of future we envisage and work towards.' He suggests a viable system for Islamic history and emphasizes the importance of culture and cultural conservation.

In his next chapter, Sardar puts the view strongly that the seeds of any future society are contained in the present so Muslims must be fully aware of the future implications of current technology. These, he says, have the power to subvert values and norms. 'He goes on, 'Indeed, we can no longer separate the future of society from the character which science and technology will assume.' He urges Muslims to become more aware of themselves — and more consciously strive to assert their identity in their way of life.' To explain this he enlarges on the theme of Iqbal's mu'min (the ideal Believer) and contrasts his pious individuality with the selfish, cynical individuality of Nietzsche's Superman and Sartre's Existential Man.

From the pure awareness of self, Sardar

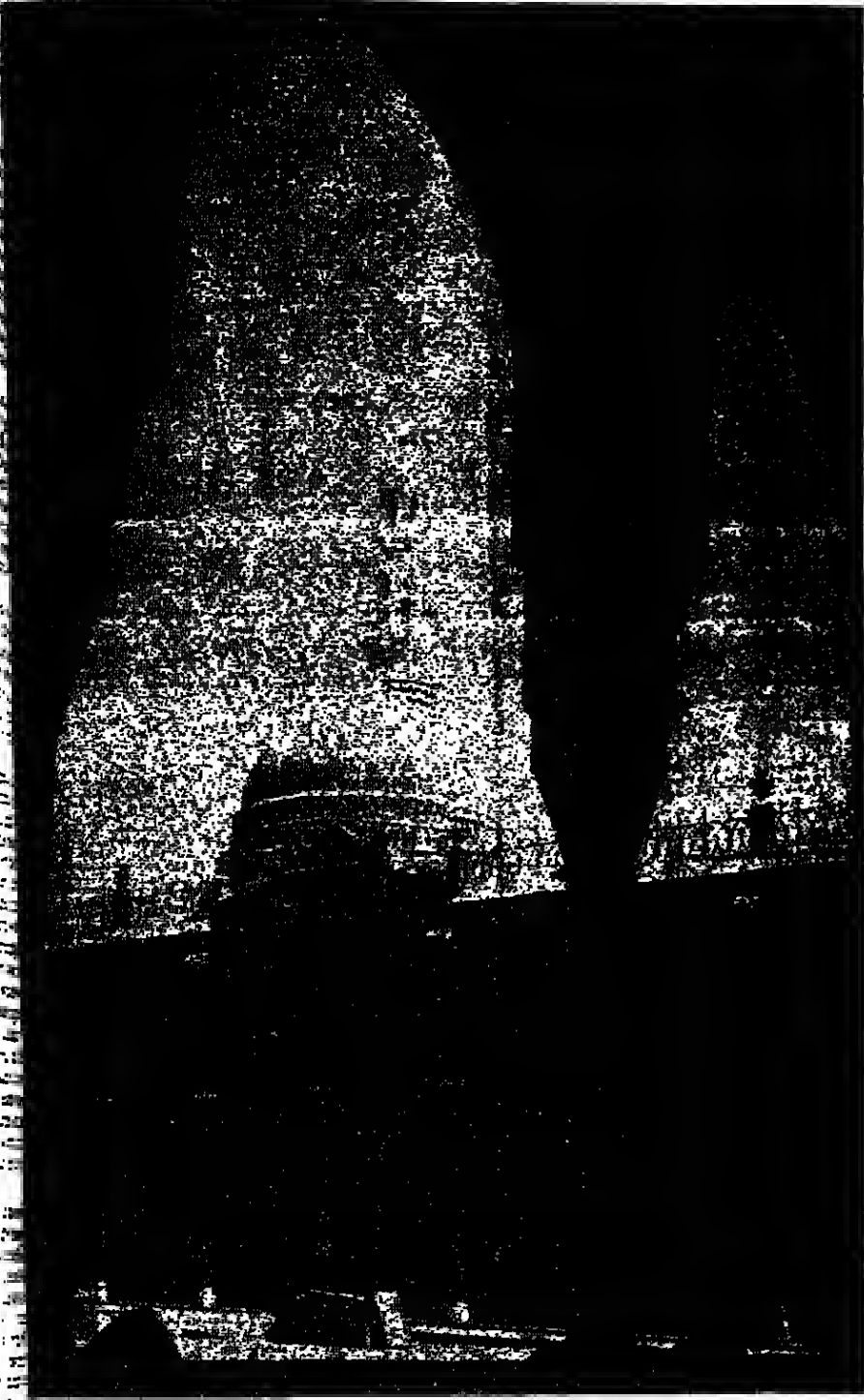
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Now Sardar proposes the goals of the Islamic system and this summarizes the chief themes of the work. Long range goals are designed to provide 'guidelines for exploring the landscape of the future Medinan state'. These would include international relations, industry, employment, land, agriculture, environmental planning and economic development.

Finally, Sardar writes briefly on the Reason for Hope, which, for all Believers, is implicit in the relationship of God with mankind and the rest of Creation.

'You alone we worship; You alone we ask for help; Show us the straight path'

Sardar's work is important, timely and convincing. It is an impressive and painstaking addition to the literature and contains a great deal of food for thought. There are numerous explanatory charts and diagrams. Appendices enumerate the nation states of Islam, populations, important historical events, world fuel reserves, and describe 'the evolution of Islamic learning. There is an exhaustive bibliography and an essential glossary and index.



(Arab News photo)

THE ESSENCE: From the pure awareness of self, Sardar believes, will come a pure awareness of the community and a knowledge of the mu'min's responsibilities to his fellow men. The family is the nucleus and the Friday mosque the magnet and power house of the Ummah. He identifies the major cultural tensions within the present communities of Islam and explains their historical causes. All this adds to the awareness of self, community and the world at large, which Sardar insists is necessary for reshaping the future.



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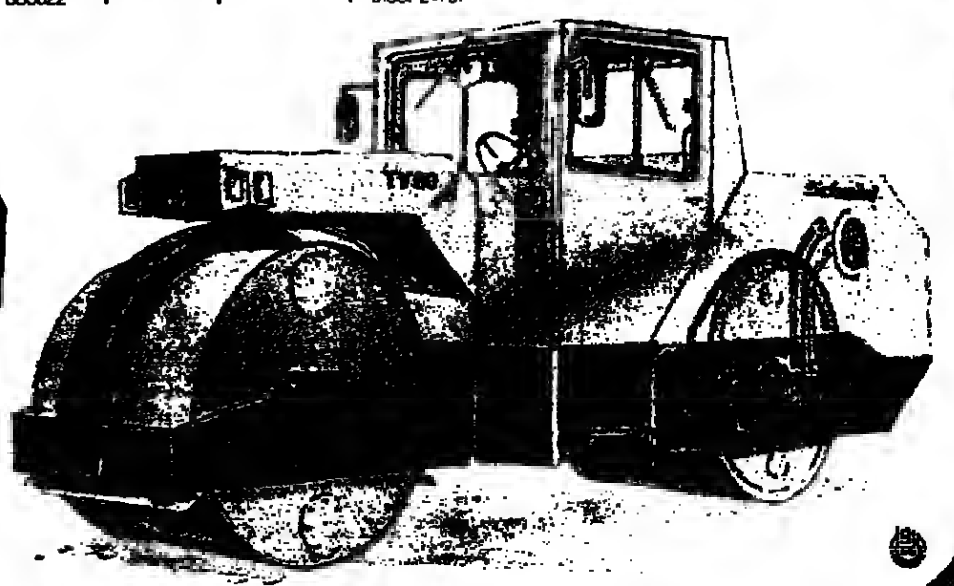
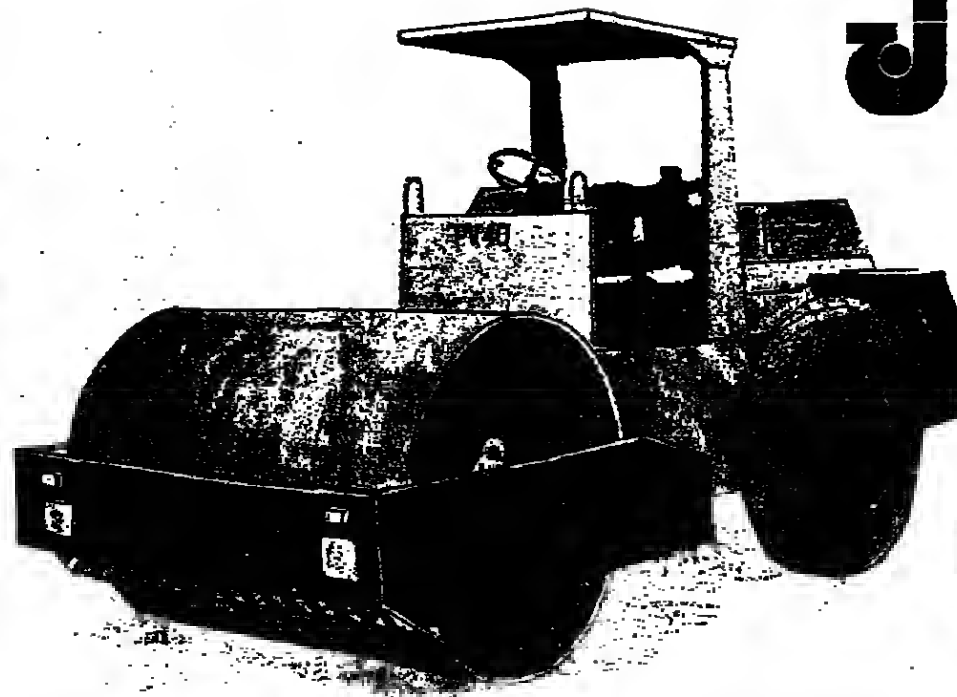
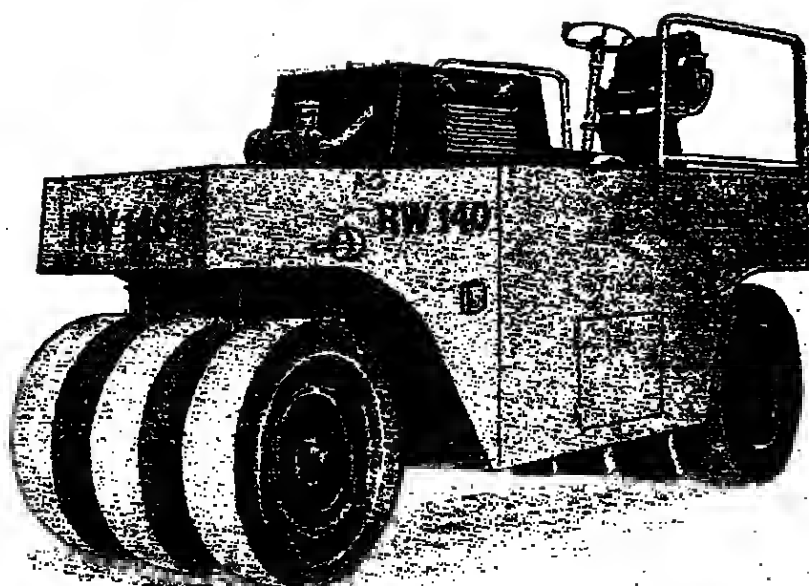
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## At Assam oil plants

## Indian police arrest hundreds

NEW DELHI, April 20 (R) — For the second day running police Sunday arrested hundreds of demonstrators picketing oil installations in Assam state and re-imposed a curfew to break a blockade of oil supplies to the rest of India.

But the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said the pickets at the Atrangi oil installations near the capital of the north-east Indian state, were later released after troops and police were rushed to the site to prevent demonstrators from returning.

Police also arrested hundreds of demon-

strators at Narengiyesterda and imposed a curfew, but withdrew it when it was defied by mass demonstrations. The curfew was re-imposed Sunday morning for an indefinite time, PTI said.

The blockade, costing the country \$ 125 million a month, is part of a student-led campaign by the Assamese against migrant workers from Bangladesh, Nepal and neighboring West Bengal.

Student leaders rejected a personal mediation attempt by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi earlier this month, and at a meeting in Gauhati on Friday night, decided to send an ultimatum to Mrs. Gandhi demanding a solution to the immigration problem by May 15, PTI said.

The seven month long agitation for the deportation of migrant workers has resulted in more than 80 deaths and 15,000 people being made homeless.

Oil supplies from Assam, averaging 5.5

million tons a year, have been cut off since December, causing a severe shortage of diesel fuel and kerosene in India.

Unofficial sources said about 100 people were injured in clashes with police Saturday when thousands of people took to the streets, defying the curfew. State officials said orders had been given for the arrests of 14 leaders of the agitation.

Mrs. Gandhi, returning Saturday night from the Zimbabwe independence celebrations, said the door to a political settlement in Assam was still open. The government was willing to consider any humanitarian solution, she told reporters at Delhi Airport.

The students want all Bangladeshis, Nepalis and Bengalis who have entered Assam since 1951 to be deported. They claim that nearly 3.5 million migrants have entered the state in the past 30 years, depriving Assamese people of jobs and endangering their cultural identity.

## Rejects torture claims

## Turbay blasts rights group

BOGOTA, April 20 (AP) — Colombia's President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala blasted the London-based human rights organization Amnesty International Saturday for having presented a report this week which he said is "at odds with the truth" on rights conditions in this South American democracy.

In a nationwide television and radio address, Turbay Ayala said the organization's report was grounded in "rumors and hearsay, not on proof."

Amnesty International on Friday asserted that commission members who investigated rights violations in January found 33 torture centers and severe mistreatment of "political prisoners."

Turbay Ayala said, however, that the team limited itself to gathering charges made by prisoners' lawyers with which "they pretended to hide the horrible crimes (the prisoners) committed against innocent victims."

Confronted with the 53-day siege of the Dominican Republic's embassy by M-19 guerrillas who held 17 diplomats hostage

here, Turbay Ayala said he did not deny some "subordinates" might have acted excessively and beyond legal limits. But, he said, "this is only a possibility and is by no means a general practice."

He vowed that Colombia's government will not hesitate to bring the full weight of the law down on those who do commit excesses.

Meanwhile, in the occupied embassy Commandante No. 1, chief of the guerrillas holding 17 diplomats hostages, was married Saturday to Guerrilla No. 9.

Guerrilla No. 9 was said to be the guerrillas' spokeswoman in charge of negotiating the release of the hostages with representatives of the Colombian government. The diplomats from various nations have been held captive since Feb. 18.

The Papal Nuncio Angelo Acorbi, one of the hostages, conducted the wedding ceremony. Official sources said Saturday night that the government had no knowledge of the wedding.



Haig: Laughs at Agnew claim

## 'I feared for my life,' Agnew says

BALTIMORE, Maryland, April 20 (AP) — Spiro T. Agnew says he resigned the vice presidency of the U.S. more than six years ago because "I feared for my life" after receiving what he considered a veiled threat from the Nixon White House, according to a published report.

In an article copyrighted by the Writers Bloc, a group of free-lance writers based in New York, Agnew is said to make that claim in his new book *Go Quietly...or Else*. The article was published by the Sunday Baltimore News American.

Agnew's book due is to be released next month by New York publisher William Morrow.

The article says that what Agnew viewed as a veiled threat on his life came from Gen.

Alexander Haig, former President Richard Nixon's chief aide and later NATO's supreme commander.

Francis L. Murphy, a spokesman at United Technologies Corp., where Haig is president, said Haig, who is recovering from open-heart surgery in Florida, laughed when told of the story. Murphy said it "was so preposterous he wouldn't comment on it."

Agnew resigned Oct. 10, 1973, and pleaded no contest to a tax evasion charge. The plea was part of a legal bargain that allowed him to avoid indictment on charges of extortion while he was governor of Maryland and executive of Baltimore County.

Agnew is currently overseas on business. Spokesman for Agnew could not be immediately reached for comment.

## 'Everything is difficult'

## Fear marks Cuban life, refugees say

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 20 (AP) — Their eyes filled with tears of hatred and pain, Cuban refugees arriving here tell of what they describe as a life of fear and deprivation in their homeland under President Fidel Castro's Communist government.

They tell of shortages, of eating illegal black-market food behind closed doors so they would not be found out by the authorities, of losing jobs because of "crimes against the revolution," and of psychological repression by the ever-watchful neighborhood "defense committees."

"You have to have lived in Cuba to understand the one thousand and one things that affect your life. Everything is difficult. Everything is a problem," said Edmundo Navarro, 37, a Spanish-English translator.

The refugees' stories could not be independently confirmed.

Hundreds of thousands of Cubans took part in a street rally in Havana that was organized in support of the Castro government and in repudiation of those who would abandon Cuba. The marchers denounced the refugees who are crowded into Havana's Peruvian embassy as unproductive "worms."

Several refugees here contended most Cubans who turn out for such rallies do so out of fear they will be denounced by their local defense committee.

"They will make everyone go because if you don't, the committee will say you are a counter-revolutionary," said a refugee. "They could denounce you to police or your work place committee. Then you could be arrested, or lose your job or at least forfeit merit recommendations to buy luxury items like TV sets or washing machines."

The 700 exiles who arrived here on evacuation flights last week had been



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ARRIVAL: An unidentified Cuban refugee kisses the ground at San Jose, Costa Rica, after arriving from Havana.

among the throng at the Peruvian embassy.

Several of the refugees said the only way Cuban parents can get enough protein-rich food for growing children is to buy it on the booming black market at exorbitant prices.

"To eat well is a crime in Cuba. You eat behind locked doors so no one knows you

have extra food," said Arturo Hernandez, 29, who said he was fined twice when authorities found black-market food in his house.

In Cuba, money does not count for much. What do count are the rationing coupons needed to buy essential items.

Carlos Dominguez, an accountant said the rationing system permits five pounds of rice a month per person, 10 ounces (283 g) of beans, 1 1/2 pounds (0.6 kg) of cooking oil, one small bar of soap and four ounces (113 g) of coffee. Sugar and most other essential items are also included in the quotas, he said.

Meat is a luxury that no one can afford and which is usually not available, the exiles said.

"I went and bought a pig in the countryside for Christmas dinner," said one man, who asked not to be identified. "But the committee saw me bring it home, confiscated it and fined me."

"They watch you all the time," said Juan Hernandez, 49, a tractor driver.

Frank Gallardo Ruiz, 35, said he was a third baseman for a national baseball team. "But they threw me off the team and put me to work as a dockworker" after his father was arrested nine years ago for political reasons.

Gallardo said he was given the worst jobs to do on the waterfront.

The defense committee threw rocks at us. They cursed my kids and tried to turn them against me daily and they would kick me, insult me and make my life impossible," Gallardo said.

Juan Sierra, 35, said he lost his job as a guitar teacher because he was married in a Roman Catholic church ceremony. Religion is not forbidden but is frowned upon in Communist Cuba. His voice quavered as he stood, arm around his wife, and said.

"Our only crime was that we were practicing Catholics."

## Intestinal bleeding detected

## Tito's doctors issue gloomiest report yet

BELGRADE, April 20 (AP) — Doctors treating President Josip Broz Tito Sunday issued their most pessimistic medical advisory to date, conceding they could not cure his two most serious ailments — stomach bleeding and liver damage — and warning that bleeding has now also broken out in the president's intestines.

Despite the use of undisclosed "indispensable measures" to save his life, first reported on Friday, the team of eight doctors said the bleeding "is not stopping" and that damage to the liver, accompanied by jaundice, "further deteriorates."

Sunday's bulletin indicated that Tito, whose 88th birthday is on May 7, was closer to death than at any time since the second week of February, when his condition was reported as critical.

The gloomy bulletin came on Tito's 100th straight day in the Ljubljana Clinical Center where he was first admitted early this year following the discovery of a blood circulation blockage. On Jan. 20, his left leg was amputated. Since then, he has contracted pneumonia, kidney failure and heart weakness.

Describing his condition again as "very

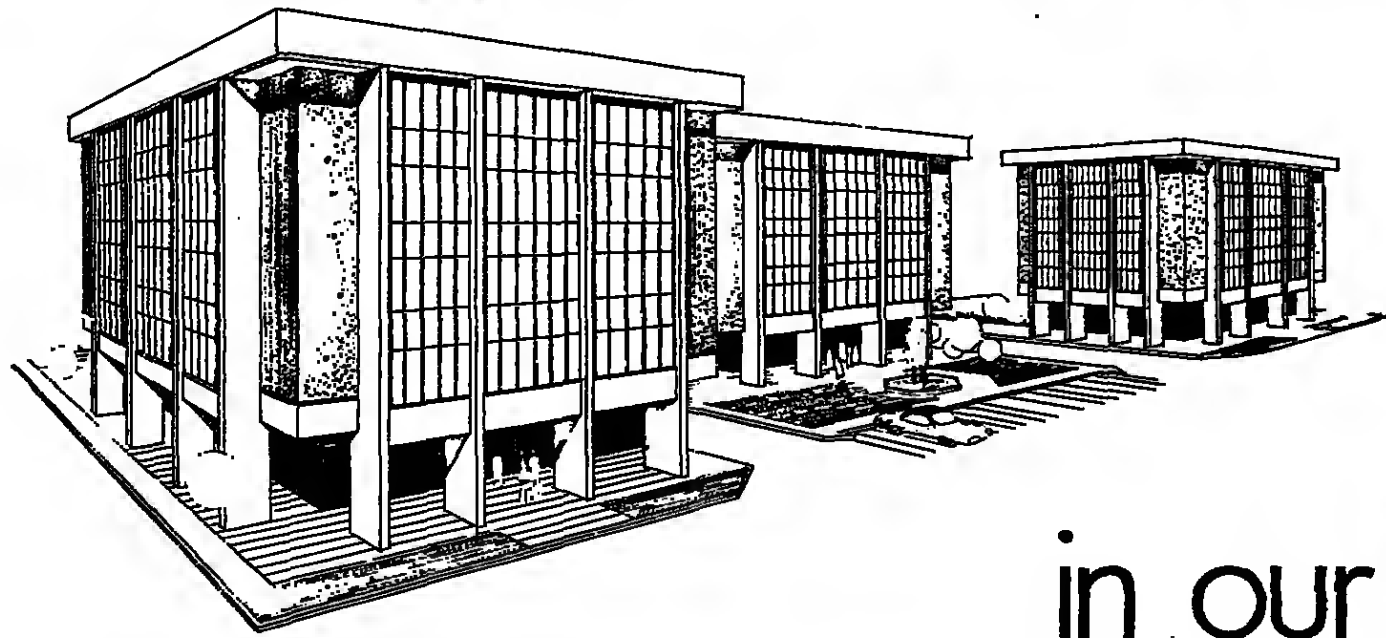
grave," the medical advisory carried by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said the pneumonia was also failing to respond to treatment.

"Pneumonia is not retreating," it said. "High temperature persists. Intensive treatment continues."

It was the first time the panel of physicians had disclosed that bleeding had also broken out in the intestines.

It was the third day running the doctors had admitted they could not stop the bleeding. In the past, they have always managed to bring it under control.

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Lafayette Park becomes stage for opposition voices

# Palestinians gather to protest autonomy talks

## Demonstrators present views near White House

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — On Saturday, April 12, between the departure of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the arrival of Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin, thousands of Palestinians from cities throughout the Eastern United States gathered here to protest the Camp David negotiations and voice their support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The demonstration, staged in Lafayette Park across from the White House, was sponsored by the Palestine Congress of North America and supported by some 75 local and national organizations.

There were between 1,500 and 2,000 demonstrators, according to various estimates.

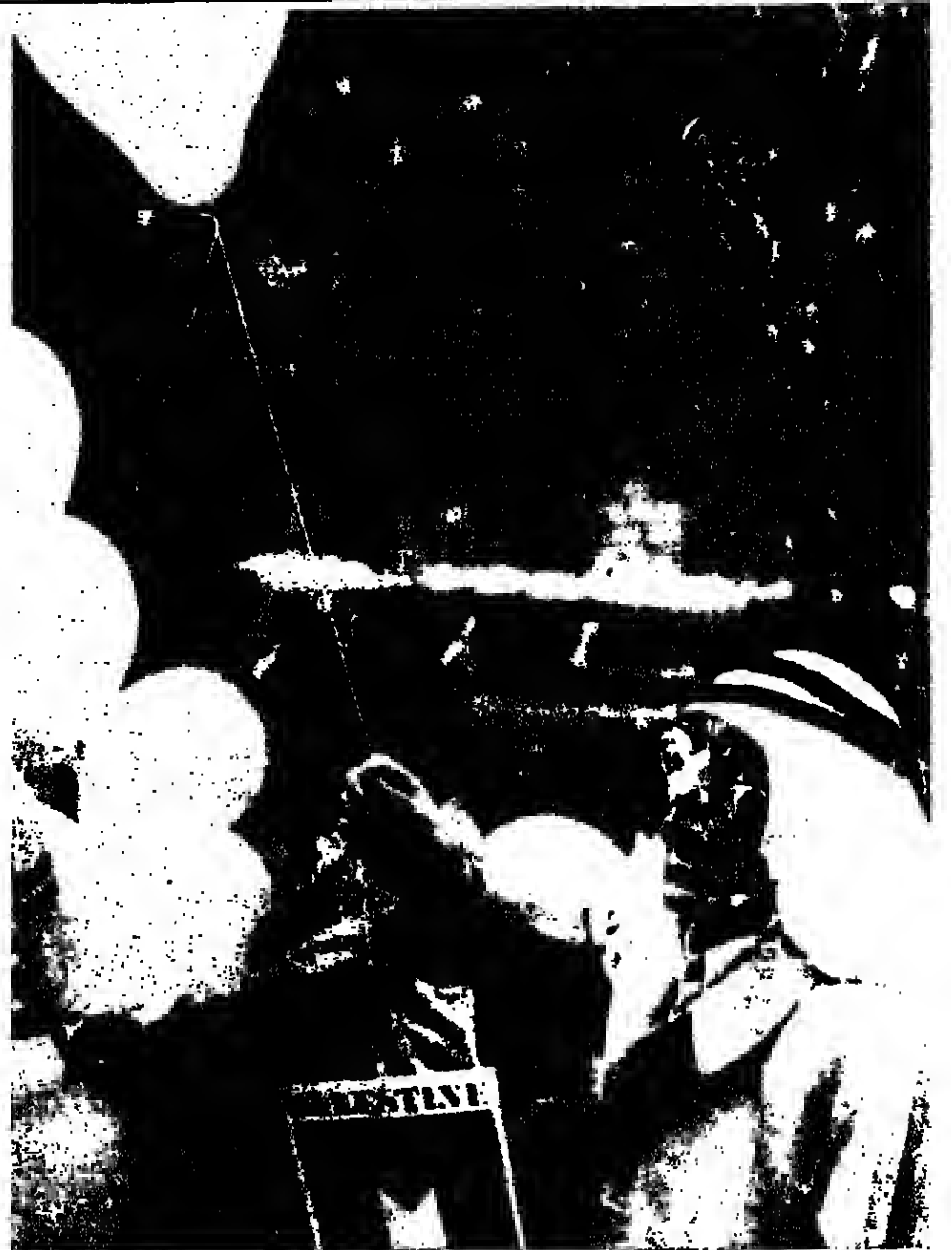
Many of the protestors carried white helium balloons with attached Palestinian flags, which were provided by the demonstration's organizers. The balloons were from time to time released into the sky, carrying the flag of Palestine high over the city of Washington.

The demonstrators were addressed by various prominent personalities and leaders of supporting groups.

The Egyptian and Israeli leaders met alternately with President Jimmy Carter in an effort to break the deadlock in Palestinian autonomy talks. The Palestinian demonstration in Lafayette Park was only one of several events protesting the discussion. Earlier, protestors in Washington's Dupont Circle protested the visit of Sadat.



PROTEST: Palestinian demonstrators gather in Lafayette Park across from the White House to express their feelings against the three-way talks with Egypt, Israel and the United States.



PARTICIPANT: One demonstrator holds a helium balloon with the Palestinian flag attached.



SYMBOLS: Protest organizers fill helium balloons (upper left) that people tied Palestine flags on to. The balloons were released and flew into the Washington skies. Some drifted above the White House. Members of the demonstration burn an Israeli flag.



PALESTINE ! A  
Palestinian  
demonstrator (right)  
holds a flag and  
picture of PLO  
Executive Committee  
Chairman Yasser  
Arafat.

THE REASON: Egypt's President Anwar Sadat addresses American newsmen (Upper). President Carter and Israel's Menahem Begin talk as they walk for a meeting in the Cabinet Room. (middle). Carter and Begin embrace upon the Israeli leader's arrival at the White House (right).





## U.S. recession could be worse than expected

### Economists predicting higher unemployment

WASHINGTON, April 20 (R) — President Carter says the recession has been counting on to subside inflation probably has arrived, but many private economists think it may be more severe than the government expected.

In the first three months of 1980, the U.S. economy grew at a rate of only 1.1 per cent on an annual basis, compared with 2 per cent in the previous quarter.

Commerce Department economist Courtney Slater says these figures show the recession already had started by March 14, when the government made its latest effort to put a brake on the economy.

That day, President Carter proposed a revised budget for the 1981 financial year, reducing government spending and imposing a 10-cent-a-gallon fee on gasoline to create a budget surplus of more than \$16 billion.

The Federal Reserve, America's central bank, raised the leading rate for big borrowers and said it would limit money available for consumer and business loans.

But because government statistics on the economy are a month behind, it was the middle of April before the Federal Reserve concluded that U.S. industrial production already had started falling in February.

It dipped 0.2 per cent that month and 0.8 per cent in March.

Housing construction also fell in March to the lowest level in five years, and a fresh wave

of layoffs hit the car industry in early April. The speed of the turnaround prompted private economists to forecast a deeper recession than expected.

Vincent Malanga, senior economist for the consulting firm A. Gary Shilling and Company, said: "Although the monetary authorities had little choice, their most recent effort to reverse inflationary expectations has probably only worsened the recession that would have resulted in any case from the downturn in housing brought about by their reactions."

"We are not only in a recession, but the economy is deteriorating rapidly," says senior economist Lawrence Chimerine of Chase Econometrics, the forecasting arm of Chase Manhattan Bank.

"We are certainly looking for a much more severe shakeout than implied by the administration's most recent published forecast," says Citibank in its latest weekly economic letter.

The administration forecasts a recession on the scale of the mild ones in 1960 and 1970, when total production fell by a little more than 1 per cent.

The same forecast sees the unemployment rate rising no higher than 7.3 per cent from the current 6.2 per cent.

But Chimerine projects a 3 per cent decline in production with unemployment pushing past 8 per cent and adds: "It is not inconceivable it will be worse."

Citibank says it expects production to fall about 2.5 per cent with unemployment of about 8 per cent.

## China is second Asian trade nation

TAIPEI, April 20 (CNA) — The Republic of China, with a two-way trade of \$30,849 million last year, was Asia's second largest trade nation, after Japan, according to the China External Trade Development Council.

Japan ranked third on the list of the world's trade nations, following the United States and West Germany. The Republic of China was placed 21st, the same as in 1978.

Based on statistics released by the International Monetary Fund earlier this month, the people's Republic of China's exports totaled \$16,068 million last year, an increase of 26.7 per cent over 1978, to easily become Asia's second largest exporter, followed by Hong Kong, South Korea and Singapore. Mainland China's 1979 exports were estimated at \$10,800 million.



SHEDDING LIGHT: The Lvov production association "Iskra" has completed a fine production machine to produce light bulbs designed by the American firm Corning Glass Works. Its capacity is 1,200 bulbs per minute. Above, American specialist Henry Daily (right) instructs Soviet workers about the assembly procedure.

## Chrysler's problems increasing

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) — Chrysler Corp's financial situation is in "a fluid state" and the decision on whether it has qualified for \$1.5 billion in federal aid will be made within a few weeks, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller says.

Miller would not say whether he thinks Chrysler will be able to fulfill the requirements for obtaining the federal loan guarantees that the automaker contends are necessary to keep it operating.

"I cannot say whether I'm optimistic or pessimistic," Miller said. "It's a difficult task. It can be done, it's doable, but difficult."

Miller's statement came as Chrysler reported its sales fell 32 per cent from last year's level during the first ten days of April and as a major bond-rating service reduced the rating on Chrysler's bonds.

Moody's Investors Service said the automaker's growing losses "will make it extremely difficult for Chrysler to raise funds for its operating needs and capital expendi-

tures."

Moody's reduced the rating of the company's senior debt to "Caa," a rating that means a default, under which the company stops paying interest on its bonds is considered possible.

Chrysler said last week it expects to lose \$750 million in 1980, about \$100 million more than it had estimated previously. It lost nearly \$1.1 billion last year.

The automaker also said it will need to draw more from the government assistance package this year than it had estimated earlier.

Miller said Tuesday that the board "will be as flexible as we can be as far as permitting Chrysler to raise the money from any source it wants to."

## Kuwait interest rates rising

KUWAIT, April 20 (AP) — Interest rates for day-to-day and week loans rose surprisingly to 10 and 12 per cent respectively over the past few days from 4.5 and 9.75 per cent, the Commercial Bank of Kuwait said in its weekly report Sunday.

At the beginning of the previous week, the interest rates in the inter-bank market were steady with no signs of any upward trend. But the reported transfer of funds by large holders of Kuwaiti dinar funds resulted in a crunch reducing the money supply and a sharp jump in interest rates for short-term loans, the report said.

Bahrain's offshore banks also reportedly entered the Kuwaiti market seeing a drop in the local market rates last week comparing to the rates in Saudi Arabia, it added.

The bank said this happened despite Kuwaiti monetary authorities, measures through the moral suasion tool to dissuade commercial banks not to encourage lending due to local liquidity problems.

## 'Design negligence' ruling sets landmark precedent

LOS ANGELES, April 20 (LAT) — Three young men, who were severely injured when their rented Volkswagen Beetle was rear-ended on a freeway here 10 years ago, won a \$1.6 million settlement Thursday in their civil suit against Volkswagenwerk Aktiengesellschaft and two defunct car rental companies.

The settlement of the case first tried in 1973 was negotiated by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Eugene McClosky.

A jury in 1973 absolved Volkswagen of any negligence in the design of the once-popular small car, which is no longer manufactured in the United States. But Judge Charles S. Older granted the three men a new trial on grounds that their lawyers, Browne Greene and Gerald Agnew, had convincing evidence that the manufacturer could be liable in the accident.

Volkswagen agreed to pay \$1 million in settlement, with \$600,000 to be paid by the now out-of-business San Diego rental companies, Ocean U-Drive, and Oceana Rentals. The plaintiffs are Charles Burney, 29, of Cleveland, Ohio, who received massive brain

and motor nerve injuries; Craig Magniello, 29, a New York City aide in stock brokerages, who suffered a broken neck but no spinal cord injuries; and Steven Samelson, 29, of Duluth, Minn., whose broken neck and damaged spinal cord made him a quadriplegic. Burney and Samelson have been receiving navy disability pensions.

Burney was riding in the front passenger seat, when it came off its track and the front door flew open, common complaints in some 40 or more suits across the country concerning the safety of the Beetles. Magniello and Samelson sustained broken necks when the backs of their rear passenger seats collapsed, forcing them backwards so that their heads struck the hood of the other car.

The case has been discussed on national television, as an example of several suits charging Volkswagen with building an unsafe car. A common criticism of the small car by litigants is that, because of the engine's position in the back, the car lacked "crushability." The trunk of most cars, they contend, can absorb some shock from a rear-end impact, but the Volkswagen Beetle passed on the whole impact to the passengers.

## Soviet gas production raised

MOSCOW, April 20 (AP) — The Soviet Union raised oil and natural gas production in the first quarter of this year but fell behind targets for production of plastics, paper and cement, according to figures published Sunday.

In a detailed summary of first-quarter results, the statistics said oil production was 148 million tons — 104 per cent of production in the first quarter of last year — and gas production was 109 billion cubic meters, 108 per cent of last year's first quarter.

Overall Soviet industrial output showed a 5 per cent increase in the first three months of 1980 compared to the same period in 1979, slightly ahead of the 4.5 per cent rise over last year planned for 1980 as a whole.

Targets were overfulfilled in the first quarter for steel tubes, some lathes, automatic control and computing equipment, chemical equipment, automobiles and trucks, tractors, farm machinery and some other products, the statistics said.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.31	7.48	7.45
Deutsche Mark (100)	180.00	181.50	181.00
Swiss F (100)	193.00	194.50	194.00
French F (100)	77.00	78.00	77.90
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	38.00	38.70
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	97.50
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.23	4.40
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.14
Jordanian Dinar		10.94	10.92
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.40	89.40
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		82.00	82.25
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	33.90
Turkish Lira (1000)		45.45	—
Gold kg.		55,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		6,500.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.35	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	112.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	164.00	—	165.50
Spanish Peso		50.00	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		82.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	45.00
Singapore (1,000)		—	1.50

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1 A	Marzario Persie	A.E.T.	Ro Ro	19/4/80
4	Kornelos	M.T.A.	Reefers	12/4/80
6	Char Hoong	Abdallah	Conts/Steel/Ply/Gen.	18/4/80
10	Cher Ching	Abdallah	Steel/General/Tyres	14/4/80
16	Kawachi Maru	Alireza	Containers	19/4/80
18	Inizan Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	16/4/80
19	Jean L. D.	Alsebah	Bulk Cement	17/4/80
23	Kota Santosa	O.C.E.	Marble/Tiles/Wire Neils	19/4/80
25	Guaraja	Red Sea	Bgd. Cement/General	19/4/80
28	Pacific Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefers	13/4/80
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Ro Ro	AETOS	M.T.A.	Ro Ro	19/4/80

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Mina	Sadeka	Dura	19/4/80
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9	New Beach	Kanoo	Timber/Gen.	18/4/80
10	Philips	S.E.A.	Cement In Bags	18/4/80
11	Doros	Gosabi	Cement In Bags	18/4/80
13	Mitsa-K	Gosabi	General	10/4/80
15	Barge Silco Giant	Kanoo	Loading Machinery	11/4/80
17	Cherry Flower	U.E.P.	General	16/4/80
18	Seven Seas	Salte	Cement In Bags	13/4/80
19	Ujung Kulon	Gosabi	Cement In Bags	18/4/80
20	Minoan Bull	Gosabi	Cement In Bags	13/4/80
21	Nor Bulk (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	10/4/80
23	Speed America	A.E.T.	Ro-Ro/Conts.	19/4/80
25	Medi Venture	S.C.S.A.	General	26/3/80
28	Eisa Klide	Kanoo	General	18/4/80
30	Grand United	S.M.C.	Reefers Cargo	19/4/80
33	Talko	Barbar	General	18/4/80
35	Ocean Beauty	Kanoo	Cement in Bags	10/4/80
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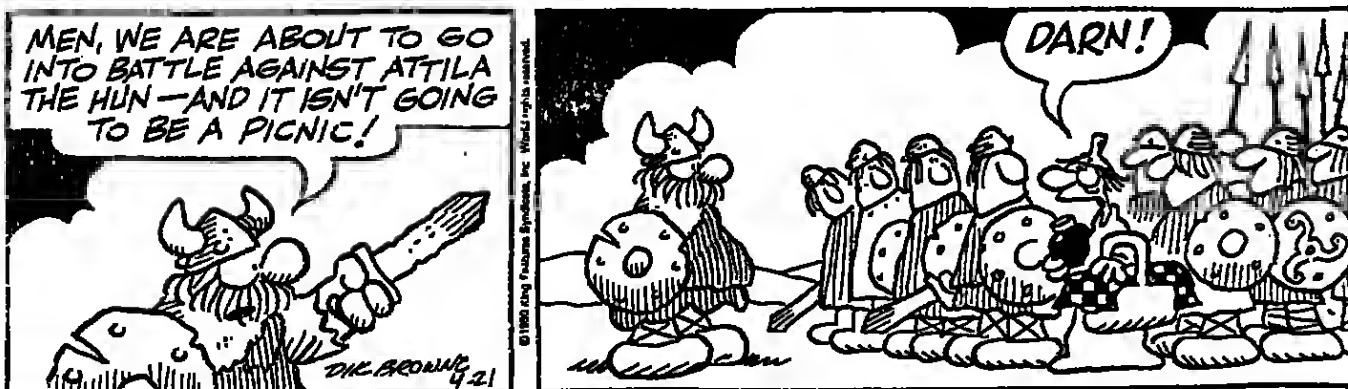
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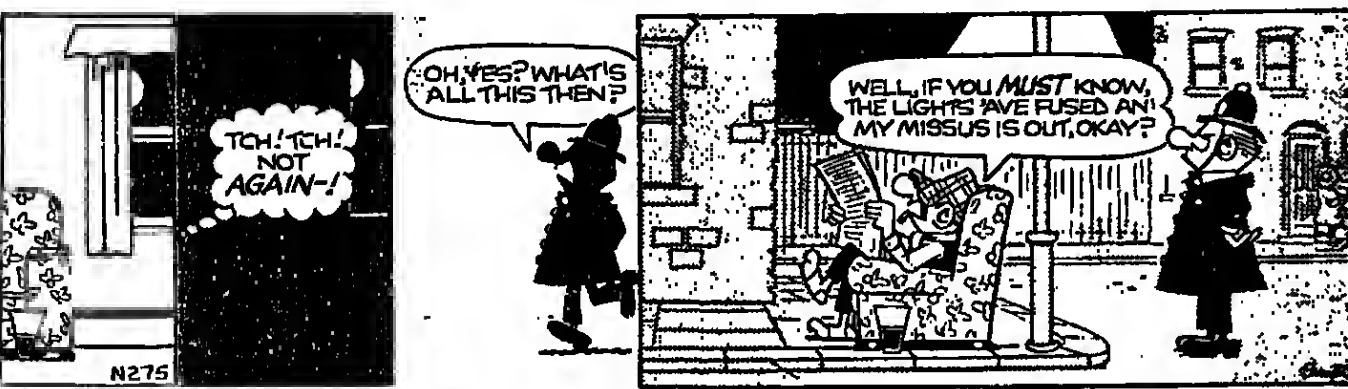
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## Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker Famous Hand

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10  
♥ Q 7 3  
♦ J 5 4  
♣ K 9 8 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 8 2  
♥ J 10 8 5 2  
♦ 10 8 7 3 2  
♣ —

**EAST**  
♠ 7 6 5  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ Q J 10 7 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9 4 3  
♥ 9  
♦ K Q 6  
♣ A 5 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♣ Double 1♥ Pass  
Pass 2♣ Pass 3♣  
Pass 4♣  
Opening lead — two of hearts.

Not long ago, I came across this deal which was played in the national pair championship at Skytop, Pa., back in 1935. The hand received wide publicity at the time, because it was one of the first published examples of the ruffing convention which I introduced into tournament play at this event. The convention is now widely accepted, and is also known as the suit-direction or Becker Convention, as well as by other names.

The idea was a simple one. By making judicious use of spot cards in a ruffing situation, it became possible

for a defender to indicate which suit he wanted returned when his partner ruffed.

I held the East hand and my partner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, led the two of hearts. The actual situation was at once obvious to me. My partner had not led a club, though I had bid that suit, and the reason seemed to be that he did not have one to lead.

Furthermore, the deuce of hearts, supposedly his fourth-best card, could not be on the level because my partner would not have bid one heart with only a four-card suit headed by the jack. So I read his low heart as being irregular and as a call for me to return the low suit, clubs.

Accordingly, I won the heart with the king and returned a club — the three. This low club return asked von Zedtwitz, after ruffing the club, to return the lower-ranking suit (as between hearts and diamonds).

Everything turned out as planned. Waldy ruffed the club and, in conformance with the suit-direction signal, returned a diamond. I won with the ace and gave him another club ruff. We got no more tricks, but South was down one.

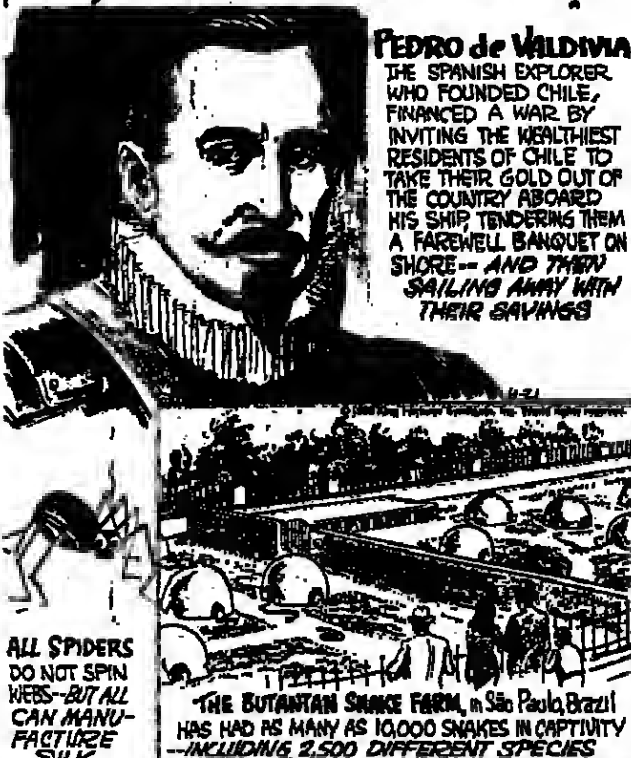
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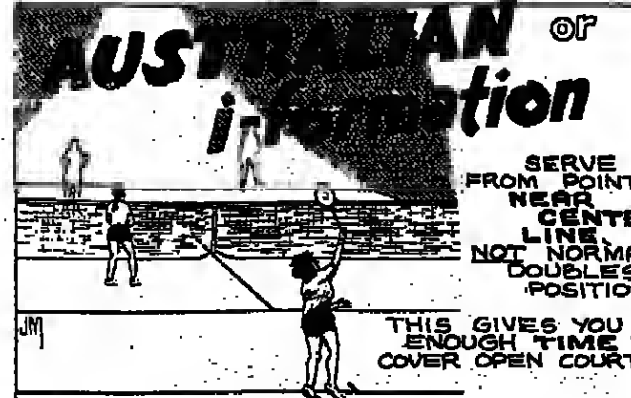
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1988

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
A new approach to domestic affairs brings results. Home entertainments favored over going out. Finances affect social plans.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
You're articulate and convincing, but you still may not have your way about a domestic concern. Try to avoid friction. Watch stubbornness.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
Trying something progressive re work brings financial gain. Evening may bring a breakdown in communications. Don't get on your high horse.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
A new romantic introduction possible. Seek new creative outlets. Watch p.m. spending or friction with friends about finances.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
Privacy abets accomplishment. Later, you'll want to step out. Downplay ego for successful relations with others. Don't be touchy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
An unexpected invitation may arrive, or an impromptu

get-together. The day could bring a wish for peace and quiet. Get needed rest.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
Be innovative re career. Unexpected financial opening. A private chat with a friend is preferable to large scale get-togethers.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Morning brings a desire to change routine and to do something truly creative. Some tension with close allies re career objectives.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
Do your own research, and then check with advisers re investments. In-laws or distant friends may be a source of concern.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
Others won't take you for granted, if you show a different facet of your personality. There may be a disagreement about a money matter.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
Accent originality on the job. Others are cooperative at work, but personal relations may be disturbed. Try to maintain harmony.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
Romantic prospects are promising. There may be time to enjoy activities with children. Later tension could develop re work or health.

## Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- nuncio
- Leafy fare
- Honim's volcano
- Headress
- Idle person: slang
- Skye or Irish
- Spree
- Did in
- Stop
- Pate
- Flowed land
- Fictional sleuth
- Nevada city
- Resentful
- Simba
- Doit
- Little Big Horn winner
- Habituate
- White poplar
- Snake or calculator
- Ranked DOWN
- Kellogg-Briand —
- English poet
- TV personality
- Arab VIP
- Greek city
- Keep looking
- Melody

**DOWN**

- Shish kebab meat
- Scope
- Dash across
- Whip mark
- Anagram of thaw
- Women's org.
- Before
- Leandro, Calif.
- Object of worship
- Ending for insist
- Top combat pilot
- German article
- Saturday's Answer
- Button contents
- Israel's
- Eban
- Less
- Fat
- friendly
- 39 She: Fr.
- giant
- 40 Troika, e.g.
- Region of Pakistan
- 42 Three, in Liguria

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the coda letters are different.

## CRYPTOQUOTES

CNDFMUK: VZQ DUQXDVCENQ  
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FCVGFDFMUK. — VZMFCL LZQQZCU  
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## arab news CALENDAR

### DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show  
5:09 The Dumpings  
5:34 Sierra  
6:45 Housecall  
7:05 The Incredible Hulk  
7:58 One day at a time  
8:23 It Takes a thief  
9:13 The Professionals

Yogi's Galaxy: Treas of Congo Bongo  
No. 101  
The Rangers  
Asthma  
Another Path  
Ann's Friends  
When boy Meets Girl  
Klansmen

### VOA

**P.M.**

8:00 News Roundup  
8:09 Reports: Analyses  
8:30 Dateline  
9:00 Special English: News, Features, The Making of a Nation  
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)  
10:00 News Roundup  
10:09 Reports: Analyses  
10:30 Opening: Analyses

**News Summary**  
10:30 VOA Magazine  
American: Letter  
Cultural: Letter  
11:00 Special English: News  
11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

**VOA WORLD REPORT**  
Midnight  
12:00 News Roundup  
12:09 Reports: Analyses  
12:30 Opening: Analyses

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2:00 Opening  
2:01 Holy Quran  
2:05 Gems of Guidance  
2:10 Champions of Solidarity  
2:20 On Islam  
2:30 Hits in Germany  
3:00 NEWS  
3:10 Press Review  
3:15 Music  
3:20 Arabic Song  
3:30 A Selection of Music  
3:50 Closedown

**Evening Transmission**  
9:00 Opening  
9:01 Holy Quran  
9:05 Gems of Guidance  
9:10 Light Music  
9:15 Jeddah Highlights  
9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge  
10:00 A Viewpoint  
10:10 Music  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Dream Land  
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook  
11:15 In Concert  
11:45 On Islam  
12:30 Music  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
01:00 Closedown

### BBC

**Morning Transmission**  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
8:30 Sarah Ward  
8:45 World Today  
9:00 Newsdesk  
9:30 Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
10:30 Sarah Ward  
10:45 Scouting to Show You  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Radio 5  
11:15 Piano Style  
11:30 Britain of Britain 1978  
12:00 World News  
12:09 British Press Review  
12:15 World Today  
12:30 Financial News  
12:40 Look Ahead  
12:45 The Tony Myers

**Evening Transmission**  
11:15 Ulster in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
2:00 World News  
2:09 News about Britain  
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curses  
2:30 Sports International  
2:40 Radio Newsdesk  
3:15 Promenade Concert  
3:45 Sports Round-up  
4:00 World News  
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours  
5:15 Report on Religion  
6:00 Radio Newsdesk  
6:15 Outlook  
7:00 World News  
7:09 British Press Review  
7:15 Starlock Horizons  
7:45 World Today  
8:00 World News  
8:09 Books and Writers

**2:30 Take One**  
8:45 Sports Round-up  
9:00 World News  
9:09 News about Britain  
9:15 Radio Newsdesk  
9:30 Faraway World  
10:00 Outlook News Summary  
10:30 Stock Market Report  
10:45 1-4, Ahead  
10:55 Ulster in Focus  
11:00 World News  
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
12:15 Talkabout  
12:45 Nature Notebook  
1:00 World News  
1:09 World Today  
1:25 Financial News  
1:35 Book Choice  
1:40 Reflections  
1:45 Sports Round-up  
2:00 World News  
2:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
2:15 The Face of England

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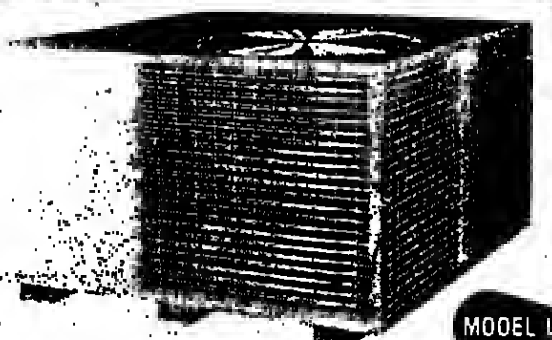
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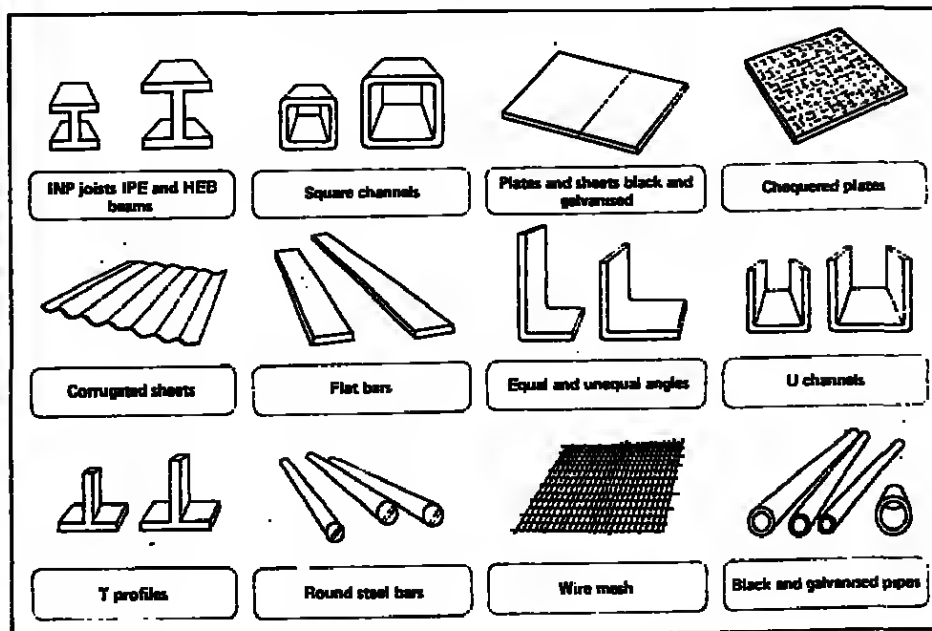
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International

U.S. mother seeks hostage son

## Militants forbid family visits

TEHRAN, April 20 (Agencies) — Militants holding American hostages in Tehran said Sunday they had decided not to allow families to visit their captive relatives but might reconsider if overruled by Ayatollah Khomeini.

A spokesman for the militants, speaking to a foreign reporter in Tehran, said they made the decision knowing that a Wisconsin woman was in the Iranian capital trying to see her hostage son, Kevin Hermening, a 20-year-old Marine sergeant.

Iran's foreign minister told a news conference in Tehran that Khomeini favored allowing visits by the hostages' "immediate families" but did not say whether the revolutionary leader planned to ask the militants to change their decision.

The 50 hostages on Sunday entered their 169th day as captives inside the occupied U.S. embassy. Three other Americans have been held at the foreign ministry.

Iranian authorities faced violent unrest at home as conservative Muslim students battled leftists on Iranian university campuses. Reports said at least one youth was killed and many injured.

Regional violence continued as well, with bitter fighting reported between government forces and Kurdish rebels in the Kurdistan region of western Iran. The Kurds have been seeking greater autonomy, a demand they also pressed on the previous regime of the Shah.

More than 70 people were reported killed in three days of fighting near the Kurdish city of Saghez, and rebel sources in the provincial capital of Sanadaj claimed to have captured 12 government soldiers from a convoy on its way to Saghez, 90 miles to the northwest.

In Tehran, Hermening's mother Barbara Timm talked to the militants Saturday before they decided to bar hostage family visits and said she was prepared to appeal directly to Khomeini for permission to see her son.

"We'll not be pushy about it... we'll let them decide," she told reporters in Tehran. Meanwhile, an opinion poll showed two-thirds of Americans favor using military force to free the embassy hostages.

According to a Washington Post poll, the majority of Americans questioned said they thought Carter's reaction to the hostages

crisis had been too slow, but that neither of his rivals for the presidential election, fellow Democrat Edward Kennedy and Republican Ronald Reagan, could have done any better. According to the poll, 63 per cent of Americans believe Carter acted justly in the hostages crisis.

The poll was carried out on a sampling of 1,873 people between April 9 and 13, just after Carter severed diplomatic relations with Tehran and imposed his trade embargo.

Last January, a Washington Post opinion poll indicated that 51 per cent of Americans were opposed to any direct intervention in Iran.

The Iranian government and the embassy militants continued to defy Carter's trade embargo and hints of military action against Iran.

"We are not afraid... we are all prepared to die," one of the militants was quoted as saying in a telephone interview with the Courier-Post newspaper of Camden, N.J. He said they would stick by their demand for the return of the ousted Shah as the price for the hostages' freedom.

Militants play cupid

## Embassy captive engaged

BOSTON, April 20 (R) — An American hostage, described as Iran's "star television witness" against the United States, has become engaged to an unidentified British woman, the Christian Science Monitor reported from Tehran.

The Monitor said the engagement was made possible because the militants holding the embassy and diplomats combined to play cupid. The paper said U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Subic, 23, sent a proposal letter through the hands of the militants and the British embassy to the former secretary at Britain's Tehran embassy. The answer "yes" — came back

via the same channels. The woman was not identified. The Monitor quoted diplomatic sources as saying she had accepted the proposal.

The Monitor wondered whether the woman now would know Subic, quoting a friend of the American as saying he appeared "all messed up" in recent television appearances in which he criticized U.S. policies and blasted the former Shah.

The woman has not seen sergeant Subic since the U.S. embassy was captured last Nov. 4, having been sent home in the reduction of Western embassy personnel.

To those who'll pay

## Russian schemers detour nuts, caviar

MOSCOW, April 20 (AP) — The Russians seem to be having trouble with an old capitalist rule — where supply is scarce and demand is high, somebody is going to make a lot of money. Recent cases indicate the rule is holding as true for lowly peanuts as for imperial caviar.

In the peanut case recently disclosed in the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, the scheme was as complicated as the motivation was simple: Peanuts purchased from official sources cost \$11 a kilo, while nuts bought illegally from private plots fetched \$6.64 a kilo. More than a dozen officials in various state wholesale, retail and confectionary operations devised means of buying nuts at the low price and falsifying papers to sell them to other state agencies at the high price, pocketing the difference.

The schemes often did not stop there, and the peanuts would end up on the black market, at premium prices.

The operation was only a few months old when it was busted open, but by then, the newspaper said, the conspirators had swindled the state out of \$356,500.

The organizers of the peanut swindle were sentenced to 15 years at hard labor and their belongings were confiscated. They were probably lucky. The Soviet

penalty for "economic crimes" involving high sums is death.

According to reports circulating through Moscow, a massive caviar scandal involving as many as 200 arrests and possibly reaching to senior levels of the Ministry of Fishing Industry, could involve vast sums not only of rubles, but of foreign currency as well. Unofficial Moscow sources and Western diplomats say they have heard reports, so far officially not confirmed, that the scheme involved smuggling and black marketing of caviar in mislabeled cans.

Rumors of a scandal in the fishing industry have circulated ever since the retirement of the minister, Alexander Ishkov, in February 1979. Usually reliable Moscow sources said his retirement was followed by as many as 200 arrests in the ministry and associated organizations.

According to these sources, precious sturgeon eggs — worth up to \$70 a kilo — were packed into cans marked "smoked herring," worth about \$2 a kilo. The cans were then "sold" to cooperating exporters or restaurants at the herring price, the caviar was privately sold and the difference was kept.

"Operation Ocean," the reported code name for the investigation, could become one

of the biggest swindles ever uncovered in the Soviet Union.

Operations like the peanut or caviar swindles are reported with increasing frequency in the Soviet press. Chronic shortages of consumer goods, and especially of luxury items, have spawned a vast black market, known to Western diplomats as the "second economy."

At the lowest level, prime meats or fresh fish reaching a Moscow shop are almost invariably saved for a friend or favored customer, often one who can provide goods or service in exchange.

Truck drivers fill up at their truck pool and then resell half the tank to friends, while cab drivers double and triple the rate on their meters on cold winter nights.

The authors of the Sovetskaya Rossiya article on the peanut swindle expressed dismay that an operation obviously known to dozens of people was not reported.

What was worse, the authors said, "All the time in different regions and cities we hear of absolutely similar situations with resolutely similar methods of operation."

"Is it really impossible to put up a reliable barrier to this paper manipulation, in which documents indicate something exists when really it does not?"

Free work for Soviet state

## Orbiting cosmonauts do 'Subbotnik' chores

MOSCOW, April 20 (AP) — Soviet cosmonauts Valery Ryumin and Leonid Popov, aloft for 10 days now aboard the orbiting space station Salyut-6, vacuum-cleaned their space ship Saturday to mark this year's annual Communist Subbotnik.

Diplomatic interpreters in Moscow turned out in work clothes to chip remaining winter ice, build a refuse dump and clean streets.

A taxi driver here decorated his cab with a "Subbotnik" sign and said he would turn over his day's earnings to the Soviet state.

And in East Germany, Soviet soldiers joined German youths in planting trees as "symbols of international friendship," the Soviet newspaper Red Star reported.

Ever since a group of 15 revolutionary workers gave up 10 hours of their free time in 1919 to fix three locomotives, the tradition has been for all Soviets to give one Saturday of work to the state each year.

The annual event is called "Subbotnik," a name that comes from the Russian word "Subbota," or Saturday.

Nowadays, the Subbotnik is celebrated on the Saturday nearest to the April 22 birthdate of Lenin, the major force behind the Soviet revolution of 1917. The event is preceded by months of excited editorials and slogans in the controlled press, anticipating the "feast of labor."

Part of the Subbotnik tradition is that workers get no pay for the extra day of work. Instead, money earned or saved across the Soviet Union is collected and spent on some beneficial project, like a cancer research center built in Moscow several years ago.

This Subbotnik, a soggy spring drizzle dampened many plans to sweep Moscow's streets and parks. But the capital's factories were swarming with activity, slogans and banners festooned workshops and every newspaper had headlines proclaiming "Everybody to the Communist Subbotnik." The press carried one report after another of quotas overfilled, tasks achieved and money saved.

Western reporters invited to tour a huge factory on the outskirts of Moscow where entire prefabricated apartment buildings are produced found 300 workers hard at work under bright red banners with messages like "Red Subbotnik — A Record in Every Section."

Women workers all wore red kerchiefs, the men, red ribbons. Music blared from loudspeakers and enthusiasm appeared high.

"At factories and construction sites, at transport firms, on state farms and collective farms, in army units and navy ships everywhere reigns high political and labor enthusiasm," reported the newspaper Red Star in a typical editorial.



TREASURE HUNTER: A German boy uses a metal detector to scan a beach while on school holiday. He got the detector, a cheap version of models used by archeologists and soldiers, in a Berlin toy shop.

## Thais ban TV to save electricity

BANGKOK, April 20 (R) — Thailand's television screens will be blank during peak viewing hours and nightclubs will remain shut until midnight under a three-month energy conservation period announced by the government recently.

The cuts, which are designed to overcome a hydro-electricity crisis caused by widespread drought, are expected to save Thailand about 300 megawatts of power a day. The government has set stiff fines or jail sentences for convicted violators of some compulsory measures.

All television stations will go off the air for

one-and-a-half hours from 6:30 each evening and nightclubs, bars and floodlit tennis courts will not be permitted to open before nine at night. Some factory machinery will be required to close down during peak evening consumption hours.

One spin-off of the measures has been a special three-month birth control campaign launched by the Thai Family Planning Agency lest the evening television blackout lead to a state of pregnancies.

Free vasectomies are on offer to men under a \$ 350,000 program in effect during the energy saving period.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

He pushed the office door and stood. A fire eater. "Welcome," I said to him. "Do sit."

He looked at me with sarcasm. No, butting me up, you mere journalist. "This paper of yours," he barked, "reading it for ages. What's the point? Where do you stand. Speak up man. Ah me, I thought. 'Whatever does mean,' I said trying desperately to time. "You know very well what I mean," he boomed.

"Look," I said. "You surprise me. say you read the paper." (I decided counter attack). "If you really read it, will have no trouble seeing where I stand." I was trying to match his lofty (loud) tone. "We stand behind Truth, time and so forth." (This is good stuff, I thinking). "Ha ha," he said. Then point to his foot. "Pull this one." Another was need obviously. Abstract Nouns, nicely old hat in this day and age. W move.

What's the right one? Ah, of course. The Mitty gritty. "Look here," I said, use talking in such general terms. We right in the middle of it. The harsh reality of power, you know. Inter-Arab rivalry. International politics. You name it, the news," I shouted, "that's fit to print." "Mitty gritty," he jeered. (I mean, I was sure I only thought words. "I ask you a simple question and I get evasion." "Look," I said, all ciliatory. "Couldn't you be a specific?" "Fair enough," he said, trouble between Syria and Iraq, when you stand on that. "All right, I hasten now ask me another."

"The Libyans and the Tunisians," he said thoroughly angered. "Yes," I said, "we support them." "Yes," he said, who, which side, they were almost at war. "When," I said. "Don't play dumb. screamed. This was getting dangerous. said, "I know what you mean. But we at the deeper issues involved. The Libyans. That kind of thing."

"Look," he said. (He was beginning sound extremely threatening). "I going to ask you one thing and one thing only. And I want one clear-cut answer. Understood?" "I nodded." "Then Sadat's peace initiative. Tell me where you stand on that." Ah relief. Oh joy, an easy one. I took a long breath. "We are for peace," I said, "but against the initiative."

He just looked and looked and looked. Then turned silently and walked slamming the door so hard the roof almost came down. Back to the drawing board, thought.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsari

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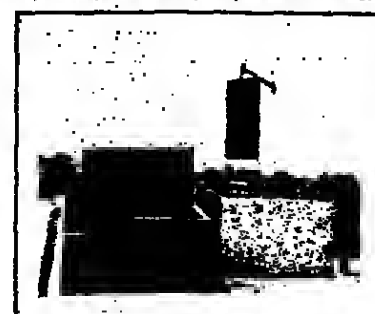
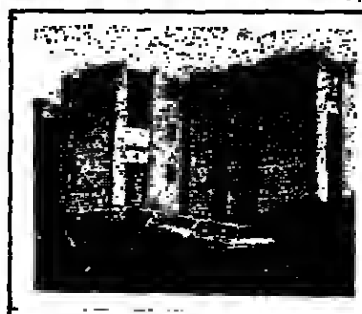
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